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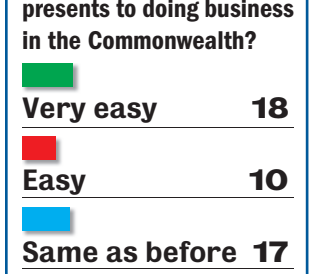

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A public outreach on the final worker rule on Saturday answered more questions from the audience of over a hundred, but some expressed worries in case their employers' petition for a Commonwealth-only worker status is denied.

» USCIS says approval rate outweighs denial of applications

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officials tried to calm their fears, saying USCIS approves more applications than deny them.

"Approval outweighs denial rate," USCIS community relations officer Jan-na Evans told the crowd in the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Saturday morning.

Saturday's public outreach marked the 20th presentation that the USCIS team held in the CNMI since Sept. 20. The team is lead by USCIS district director David Gulick.

A member of the audience asked whether a denial of a CW petition can be appealed, to which USCIS said "yes."

The fee associated with filing an appeal of a CW petition denial is $600.

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13 FISHERMEN REMEMBERED

CLARISSA V. DAVID

A young boy watches the coconut husks float in the waters by the 13 Fishermen Memorial Monument along Beach Road amid overcast skies last Friday afternoon. Thirteen flower-filled coconut husks, representing the local fishermen aboard M/V *Olwol* and disappeared at sea, were launched by family and members as part of the ceremony commemorating the fishermen's 25th death anniversary on Sept. 23.

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Inos looks into 'problematic provisions' of $102M budget bill

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Acting governor Eloy S. Inos reviewed during the weekend what the administration describes as "problematic provisions" of the $102-million budget bill that the House and Senate passed during back-to-back sessions on Friday.

Inos

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday afternoon that the administration may issue a decision on the fiscal year 2012 budget bill "as early as today."

The Governor's Office has scheduled a news briefing at 10:30am today.

Inos received the budget bill transmission on Saturday morning and has since been reviewing it.

Other Executive Branch officials also

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DURING SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING IN WASHINGTON, DC

'Further delay minimum wage hikes until CNMI, A. Samoa economies improve'

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U.S. Interior assistant secretary for insular affairs Tony Babauta said with the economic prospects for the CNMI and American Samoa bleak for the foreseeable future, "Congress may find it desirable to take additional action to postpone increases or re-establish the industry committee process."

Babauta was not alone in suggesting further postponement in the annual 50-cent minimum wage increases until the CNMI and American Samoa economies rebound.

He was one of those who testified at an oversight hearing in Washington, D.C. on Friday to review the impact of minimum wage increases in American Samoa and the CNMI.

Babauta

"At such time as the economies of American Samoa and the CNMI recover their footings, Congress can return to the issue and re-establish the periodic increases until the federal minimum wage is achieved in the respective territory," Babauta told the U.S. House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Areas.

CNMI businessman Jim Arenovski, who testified via videoconference, asked the subcommittee to "advocate a delay" and that the panel continue to monitor the situation in the CNMI.

American Samoa Gov. Togiola Tulafono, in his testimony, said American Samoa is in dire need of relief from U.S. Congress and "at a minimum, the pres-

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Chamber: Repeal of Article 12 will enhance Commonwealth economy

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce says repealing Article 12 will enhance the CNMI economy, benefit the people exponentially, and will not force individuals to sell their property.

The 150-member business group said this in support of House Legislative Initiative 17-7, allowing the people to vote to "continue" or "repeal" this constitutional provision.

Article 12 of the NMI Constitution restricts land ownership to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

House minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) asked the Chamber for comment on his initiative.

Brennan

In response, Chamber president Douglas Brennan said the business group believes the CNMI's economic landscape would be enhanced and stimulated "by eliminating the restrictive and suffocating effects current Article XII language now imposes."

Brennan said land will always be an emotional issue but the Chamber as a business association chose to comment on the economics, the business, and personal implications of whether to put the repeal proposal to a vote.

He said banks are unwilling to offer loans in current investments, as original long-term leases are nearing expiration, thereby stifling growth by those that have already invested in the CNMI.

"Potential investment is stifled as new investors watch what is transpiring with those already under restrictive land ownership conditions," Brennan told Deleon Guerrero in a Sept. 22 letter, a copy of which was obtained only yesterday.

The Chamber president also said individuals currently owning property and/or the home or buildings on that property cannot mortgage the property or secure bank loans based on the value of the assets to remodel their houses, renovate the business, fund their children's college educations, address health and personal issues, or other financial matters because of the lack of land liquidity.

"CNMI real estate portfolios reflect the quickest de-escalation in value in any U.S. jurisdiction. This is the effect of Article XII," Brennan added.

The Chamber is convinced if Article XII were to be repealed there would be an almost immediate response. "Investment in commercial, business, and residential areas would be instantaneous," Brennan said.

He said it is time to move forward and prosper with unrestrictive land ownership through constitutional amendment as offered in SLI 17-10.

"With any repeal of Article XII, there needs to be a provision that will not, or should not, affect those transactions made 20 years ago where the possible repeal of Article XII would void those transactions as drafted into those lease agreements. The repeal of Article XII should only affect transactions made after the date of enactment of the repeal of Article XII," Brennan added.

A survey among Chamber members showed that 75.6 percent of those who participated favored the repeal of Article 12.

Only 45 of the 150 Chamber members responded to the survey.

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Fitial, Inos join Fund's motion to remand lawsuit to Superior Court

Retirees association to take positions on Fund issues

Members of the Commonwealth Retirees Association will meet this week to take a unified position on several issues now affecting the pension program.

Group member Oscar Camacho, in an email message to his colleagues, invited all retirees to a general assembly at the American Memorial Park on Thursday night, which will also highlight the selection of new officers of the association. The event is slated from 6pm through 8:30pm at the visitor's center.

The group has extended the invitation to Fund administrator Richard Villagomez and members of the Legislature.

Camacho said a position has to be reached after the assembly whether CRA will support Sapuro Rayphand's lawsuit filed recently in federal court where the retiree requested the removal of the Fund's case against the CNMI government from the Superior Court.

"CRA board has already taken the position to support a federal lawsuit…but has not authorized for the withdrawal of the suit from the CNMI court. The board supports Sapuro but we need to clarify and follow a process and that is to seek approval and endorsement from the general membership," Camacho told retirees in his email.

He also revealed that CRA did not hire Atty. Bruce Jorgensen as the group's lawyer and that the group does not have an attorney. Jorgensen represented Rayphand on the recent suit he filed.

Besides this issue, members are also expected to come up with its unified view whether they will support the proposed cut on their pension benefits and if its supported, which among the proposed recommendations will they prefer for immediate implementation.

According to the Retirement Fund, there is no law in the CNMI that allows the board of trustees to unilaterally restructure benefit payments to retirees. Therefore, in order to restructure the Fund's liabilities, it asked the court to use its equitable powers in order to restructure the Fund's liabilities by temporarily reducing benefits to members. If granted, the CNMI government remains obligated to pay to each retiree the difference of what they were supposed to get and what the Fund pays out.

These options include across-the-board cut on all members' benefits from 10 percent, 25 percent, up to 50 percent—on top of eliminating the cost of living allowance and disability benefits.

The Fund earlier disclosed that if both COLA and disability benefits are stopped, this would reduce the Fund's liability because it will yield significant savings of $95 million for the program.

Based on the current investment portfolio of the pension program of only $271.2 million as of Aug. 16, the pension plan has only up to three years remaining if no immediate resolution is identified and implemented.

Camacho said CRA will also request associate judge Kenneth Govendo to reconsider his ruling on setting aside $100 million reserve fund for active employees and retired members who have yet to collect their pensions. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos have agreed with the NMI Retirement Fund that the Fund's lawsuit against the CNMI government should be remanded to the Superior Court.

Fitial and Inos, in his capacity as then Finance secretary, through assistant attorney general Michael A. Stanker, filed on Friday in District Court a joinder in the Fund's motion to remand.

Stanker did not present any argument on behalf of Fitial and Inos in the joinder. In a two-page document, Stanker only stated that Fital and Inos respectfully join in the Fund's motion to remand.

Fund's legal counsel Braddock J. Huesman, in a motion to remand, asserted that Commonwealth Retirement Association board member Sapuro Rayphand's notice of removal is defective as CRA is not a defendant in this matter and thus cannot remove the case.

Huesman said even if CRA was considered a defendant for removal purposes, not all defendants have agreed to removal.

Huesman asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to hold Rayphand and his counsel, Bruce Jorgensen, liable to pay the Fund's attorneys' fees in answering to their court action "that was completely devoid of merit."

Rayphand, represented by Jorgensen, has notified the District Court for the NMI that he wants the Fund's lawsuit against the CNMI government to be removed from the Superior Court and transferred to the federal court.

Jorgensen later filed a notice informing the District Court of his forthcoming submissions in

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'Ex-DPS commissioner immune from police brutality suit'

Former Department of Public Safety commissioner Santiago F. Tudela is entitled to qualified immunity therefore, the court should dismiss the claims against him filed by a man who lodged a police brutality lawsuit against DPS and a former police officer, according to the Office of the Attorney General.

Assistant attorney general David Lochabay, counsel for Tudela, asserted that plaintiff Jin Dong Wang has failed to plead sufficient factual allegations suggesting that Tudela is liable for the injuries Wang suffered.

In a motion to dismiss, Lochabay said in the absence of such factual allegations, Tudela is entitled to the defense of qualified immunity.

The AAG said government officials, when performing discretionary functions, are "shielded from liability for civil damages insofar as their conduct does not violate clearly established statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known."

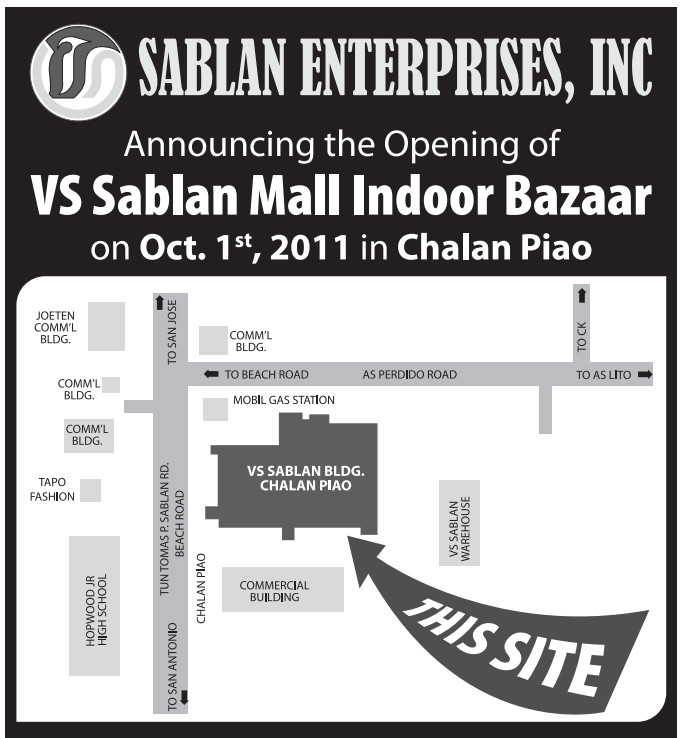
"Even if pleadings were more factually sufficient, the qualified immunity defense protects Mr. Tudela from civil liability in regards to the allegation that he violated the Plaintiff's civil rights by failing to properly train ad supervise and by not implementing and/or enforcing proper procedures to prevent the use of excessive force during arrests," Lochabay said.

The government lawyer pointed out that there are no factual allegations showing any failure to train or supervise or properly implement procedures in the complaint.

"There are no factual allegations that will support a finding that a reasonable person in Mr. Tudela's place would have known his or her conduct in training, supervising, and controlling police officers was violative of any person's civil rights," he said.

Wang, through counsel Robert J. O'Connor, sued former Police Officer Jesse Dubrall for assault and battery, false arrest, emotional distress, violation of civil rights, and negligence.

Wang, a Chinese national, sued DPS for negligence and violation of civil rights. He also included former DPS commissioner Tudela as co-defendant for violation of civil rights and negligence. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***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New trial for murder suspect

A new trial for Franklin Cabrera Cepeda Jr. will begin today, Monday, in the Superior Court in connection with the killing of a Chinese businessman in San Jose in 1999.

A retrial of Cepeda will be conducted after the CNMI Supreme Court in November 2009 ruled that the defendant was denied of his right to a fair trial and vacated his convictions.

On Friday, the Office of the Attorney General filed a motion to exclude in the rescheduled jury trial of Cepeda former testimony of witnesses from the jury trial of Jeffrey Deleon Guerrero.

According to court documents, the OAG charged Deleon Guerrero with murder in 2000 pertaining to the same victim, Rong Matthew Zhou. Deleon Guerrero was acquitted of all counts.

Sometime thereafter, police identified Cepeda as a suspect in the murder of Zhou and charges were filed against him.

On Jan. 31, 2005, the jury returned a verdict finding Cepeda guilty of first-degree murder, robbery, aggravated assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and conspiracy.

In March 2005, Superior Court associate judge Juan T. Lizama, who presided over the jury trial, sentenced Cepeda to 66 years in prison.

Cepeda appealed. In November 2009, the CNMI Supreme Court vacated the defendant's convictions. The justices ruled that judge Lizama did not instruct the jury on all of the essential elements necessary to secure a robbery conviction.

The justices also determined that the judge improperly admitted witness testimony that was so prejudicial to the defendant that Cepeda was denied his right to a fair trial.

The justices ordered a new trial.

In the government's motion to exclude former testimony filed on Friday, assistant attorney general Russell Lorfing said in the Cepeda new trial, Cepeda now attempts to use the former testimony of witnesses from Deleon Guerrero's trial.

"The Commonwealth opposes the introduction of such evidence," Lorfing said.

Lorfing said the prosecution's interest in the first particular proceeding (Deleon Guerrero's) was much different than in the second proceeding (Cepeda's).

"The direct examination of each witness in the first trial was strategically tailored and motivated to prove that Mr. Guerrero was guilty. In the direct examination of the pending trial will be strategically tailored to prove that Mr. Cepeda is guilty," Lorfing said.

On March 1, 1999, police said Cepeda, together with George Ilo, both of whom were 22 years old then, killed and robbed Zhou inside his Yellow House Karaoke.

The businessman sustained multiple stab wounds, including two that pierced his heart.

Ilo entered a plea agreement with the government and pleaded guilty. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

QUESTIONS

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Upon hearing the high cost of the fee, some audience members became more anxious.

Another one asked whether employers can reimburse the application fee and the CNMI education funding fee. USCIS said "no," because the agency is a fee-based organization.

Employees who already underwent biometrics for an advance parole or for other requirements of other agencies such as the FBI or the military still have to undergo biometrics for a CW application.

Another audience member asked whether a CW-1 visa holder will have his U.S. tourist visa—a B1/B2 visa—revoked by the U.S. State Department.

Gulick said USCIS does not have an answer to this yet, because the decision rests with the State Department which is expected to soon issue its rules and procedures on the CW-1 visa.

"We don't know yet. It's going to be up to the Department of State, whether they will do it automatically or whether they will do it on a case by case basis," Gulick told the crowd.

He said in his many years of experience, it is not unusual that some categories have two types of visas.

For example, a student visa holder can also have a tourist visa, and a diplomat can have a diplomat visa and a tourist visa.

But Gulick said if the State Department allows a person to have both a CW-1 visa and a B1/B2 visa and that person returns from a vacation outside the U.S. to work in the CNMI, that person needs to make sure that he uses his CW-1 visa and not his B1/B2 visa.

If the B1/B2 visa is used and not the CW-1 visa, then that person cannot work in the CNMI because he was admitted as a tourist and not as a foreign worker.

Still, others in the audience said it is unfair that the B1/B2 visa will be revoked when they obtained it years back and had nothing to do with the CNMI's immigration issues.

Bong Martinez, one of those who attended the session, said the outreach was a great help not only to him and his wife but also for other people. He recommended others in the community to attend the remaining sessions.

He said he and his wife Birhen went to the USCIS Application Service Center in June or July to apply for a parole, because his wife is considered an immediate relative of a Freely Associated States citizen. Mr. Martinez is from Pohnpei.

"We were told she cannot apply for a parole in place because she had an umbrella permit. Had we were told she could apply for one, we won't have this problem now, when the CW rule was issued and everybody is asking all these questions. Now we got an answer that my wife could get a parole," Mr. Martinez said.

Pastor Roger Abe of Saipan Community Church said like many others in the community, he's still groping in the dark. He himself has yet to obtain an appropriate visa.

Ione Belza, who has been a contract worker since 1995, said while she thinks her employer will apply for a CW status for her, there are many others she knows who are jobless, some of whom just lost their employment because of the weak economy.

She said she hopes there will be humanitarian consideration for foreign workers who have children who are in the middle of studies.

"Maybe the federal government could allow them until the end of classes in June, for example, to look for jobs," she said.

The USCIS outreach will wrap up on Thursday.

BUDGET

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worked on the budget bill during the weekend on Capital Hill.

Demapan said review of the budget bill continues "given that there are still problematic provisions that we feel the Legislature did not adequately resolve despite recommendations from the administration."

"At this time, acting governor Inos is looking further into provisions such as the public auditor's fee, the increase of funding for the Legislature, the mayor of Saipan, and the municipalities of Tinian and Rota. These increases were not taken into account in the governor's budget proposal," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune.*

Tourism bill

He said another area of concern is the decrease of funding for the Marianas Visitors Authority.

"It was the understanding of the administration that the Senate would pass HB 17-179 simultaneously with this appropriations act to supplement the MVA's budget since the Legislature slashed 56 percent of MVA's operations budget. The administration was surprised to learn that the Senate decided to hold off on passing HB 17-179," Demapan said.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), chairman of the committee that reviewed the House bill, said yesterday that the only reason why the Senate postponed action on the bill is the need to clarify the definition of the $15 passenger fee.

During Friday night's Senate session, there was a floor amendment offered, but not acted on, to change the name of the fee to a "customs and quarantine fee." But senators suggested asking for further clarification on the bill.

"We want to make sure that the definition (is proper) and the allocation goes to MVA," Torres said.

The senator said the Senate will hold another session this week to pass the bill.

HB 17-179 seeks to charge passengers from non-U.S. destinations a new $15 "travel promotion fee."

This bill is an amendment to a Fitial administration-sponsored tourism incentive legislation that became law early this year. The amendment bill contains the new $15 fee to be collected by airlines, besides expanding the target market for the tour agent incentive program.

Collections from this new fee will also be used to "recover costs incurred for enforcement of customs and quarantine laws."

During Friday's sessions, lawmakers took turns commending the eight-member conference committee led by Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), along with Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), for coming up with a compromise budget bill days before the Sept. 30 deadline.

Last year, a budget deadlock between the House and Senate that lingered past the Oct. 1 start of the new fiscal year forced a partial government shutdown that led to over 1,000 government employees without jobs for days and some public services unavailable to the community.

'11th hour passage'

But passing a compromise budget seven days before the start of FY 2012 is still considered an "11th hour" submission as far as the administration is concerned because Gov. Benigno R. Fitial submitted his budget proposal to the Legislature on April 1.

"The administration is also troubled to once again see a budget bill transmitted at the '11th hour.' It's been nearly six months since Governor Fitial submitted his budget proposal. Had the Legislature worked on a budget bill months earlier, there would have been adequate time to come up with a bill drafted with more care and precision," Demapan said.

The press secretary said in as much as the administration would like to avert a shutdown, "it also must ensure that a balanced and efficient budget is enacted for the coming fiscal year."

"Thus, following completion of its review and analysis, the administration may come up with a decision as early as (today)," he added.

Without a budget passed and signed before the start of FY 2012 on Oct. 1, the NMI Constitution's shutdown provision will kick in.

The compromise budget bill that the House passed by a vote of 19-1 and the Senate by 9-0, gives increased appropriations for the Public School System, Northern Marianas College, the Commonwealth Election Commission, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, and lawmakers' individual operational account, compared to what lawmakers earlier proposed.

Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), one of the conferees, said the budget bill "may not be perfect, but it's a budget that we can work with."

WAGE

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ent suspension of the minimum wage increases should be continued indefinitely or until some more satisfactory minimum wage procedures are designed and implemented."

"Increases in the minimum wage should be terminated immediately in American Samoa," he said.

American Samoa Delegate Eni Faleomavaega also pledged to do everything he can to halt further minimum wage increases in order to provide the American Samoa government with the time it needs to put an action plan in place.

CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, in his opening remarks, said while he wants increases in the minimum wage, he is also not blind to the economic realities in the CNMI.

He said though the CNMI's minimum wage increased from $3.05 an hour to now $5.05 an hour, he said the latter is still not what he calls a "dignified wage" but has helped people.

Interior's Babauta said if territorial economies do not improve in the near future, the scheduled 50-cent increases may translate into new company closures and employee layoffs.

Babauta also said the Obama administration would not be opposed to reinstituting the industry committee process in American Samoa and extending it to the CNMI.

The 50-cent minimum wage hikes have been suspended in 2011 for the CNMI, and in 2010 and 2011 for American Samoa.

A 2007 federal law requires the CNMI and American Samoa to increase their minimum wages by 50 cents every year until it reaches the federal wage floor of $7.25 an hour.

Those who testified at the subcommittee hearing and requested further delays pointed to the closures of business, work hour cuts, and loss of jobs as a result of the minimum wage increases in the two U.S. jurisdictions at a time when their economies are in shambles.

Arenovski, a former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said not only is the CNMI wrestling with the impact of minimum wage law, but also the immigration reform law or U.S. Public Law 110-229 which is also directly related to labor and costs.

The law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control decreases dependence on foreign labor.

"A delay in the ongoing increases would allow businesses to invest money in the hiring and training of United States workers in order to comply with that law," Arenovski told the subcommittee.

He said the goal of raising worker pay is laudable but should not be at the ultimate expenses of workers, businesses, and the economy.

"What is of utmost importance is not simply that minimum wage is implemented but rather that (it is) implemented in the right way," he added.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment yesterday, said the Fitial administration shares the concerns of the business community.

"The current economic situation is already a major challenge to our business community, adding another obstacle would make it even harder for businesses to flourish. Businesses should be granted reprieve during these hard times so that they can remain open and continue to contribute to our economy," Demapan said.

American Samoa's Tulafono also said a U.S. Government Accountability Office report in May 2011 did not adequately, succinctly or clearly convey the magnitude of the worsening economic disaster in American Samoa.

For example, the GAO report "continues to understate American Samoa's employment losses due substantially to the initial increases in the minimum wage," he said.

He said while the GAO report estimated a 19 percent decline in employment in 2009, the American Samoa government estimated the job loss at 30 percent. His government said that there were only 13,434 in 2009, a drop from 19,171 in 2008.

"The worst is yet to come," he added.

Tulafono also asked the federal government to consider previous U.S. Labor Special Industry Committee processes or some modification thereof for determining minimum wages in American Samoa.

LAWSUIT

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support of consolidating Rayphand's with the pending lawsuit filed by unnamed retirees against Fitial and other co-defendants.

Jorgensen also served as counsel for the unnamed retirees.

Rayphand stated that it has been more than two years now since Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo rendered a $230-million judgment in the case yet there has been little, if any, meaningful steps toward enforcement of that judgment. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Contractor of defective Tinian airport terminal faces lawsuit

The Commonwealth Ports Authority decided to sue the contractor of the defective building designs of both the Tinian airport terminal and the departure area of the Saipan International Airport.

CPA executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that they will file a lawsuit against Texas-based firm Leo A. Daly Co. which the agency contracted for the building designs of two projects.

During last Friday's special meeting of the board of directors, a supplemental budget of $130,000 was approved for the initial filing preparations of the case.

Deleon Guerrero admitted that CPA just hired the Alaska-based Law Offices of William R. Sattersberg Jr. and former Attorney General Matthew T. Gregorio to represent the agency in the planned lawsuit.

The two were the same lawyers who represented the CNMI government in a $10-million case against Leo Daly Co. for the defective building design of the Commonwealth Health Center dialysis facility which was filed in 2009. It was in August 2010 when a $2-million settlement was reached by both parties.

Deleon Guerrero described the lawsuit as the right thing to do for the agency, which commissioned an investigation to determine the merits of the alleged flawed building design.

Saipan Tribune learned that Guam-based Taniguchi Ruth Makio Architects had just completed the assessment that became the basis of CPA's decision. A new design, correcting the defective one, was also completed by the same company under the $280,000 contract paid through CIP monies.

The executive director disclosed that the $130,000 supplemental budget approved by the board will be utilized for the projected expenses in filing the lawsuit, while compensation for the lawyers will be based on how much can be recovered from the case. The supplemental budget will come from the agency's passenger facility charges revenues.

"We don't know yet [the amount we can recover], but we hope to at least be compensated on the retrofitting that we need to do and the opportunity cost that we lost because we couldn't open it up for the last three years," said Deleon Guerrero, alluding to the Tinian airport terminal project. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

PSS terminates longtime independent auditor for 'convenience'

The Public School System has decided to terminate its contract with longtime independent auditor, J. Scott Magliari & Company.

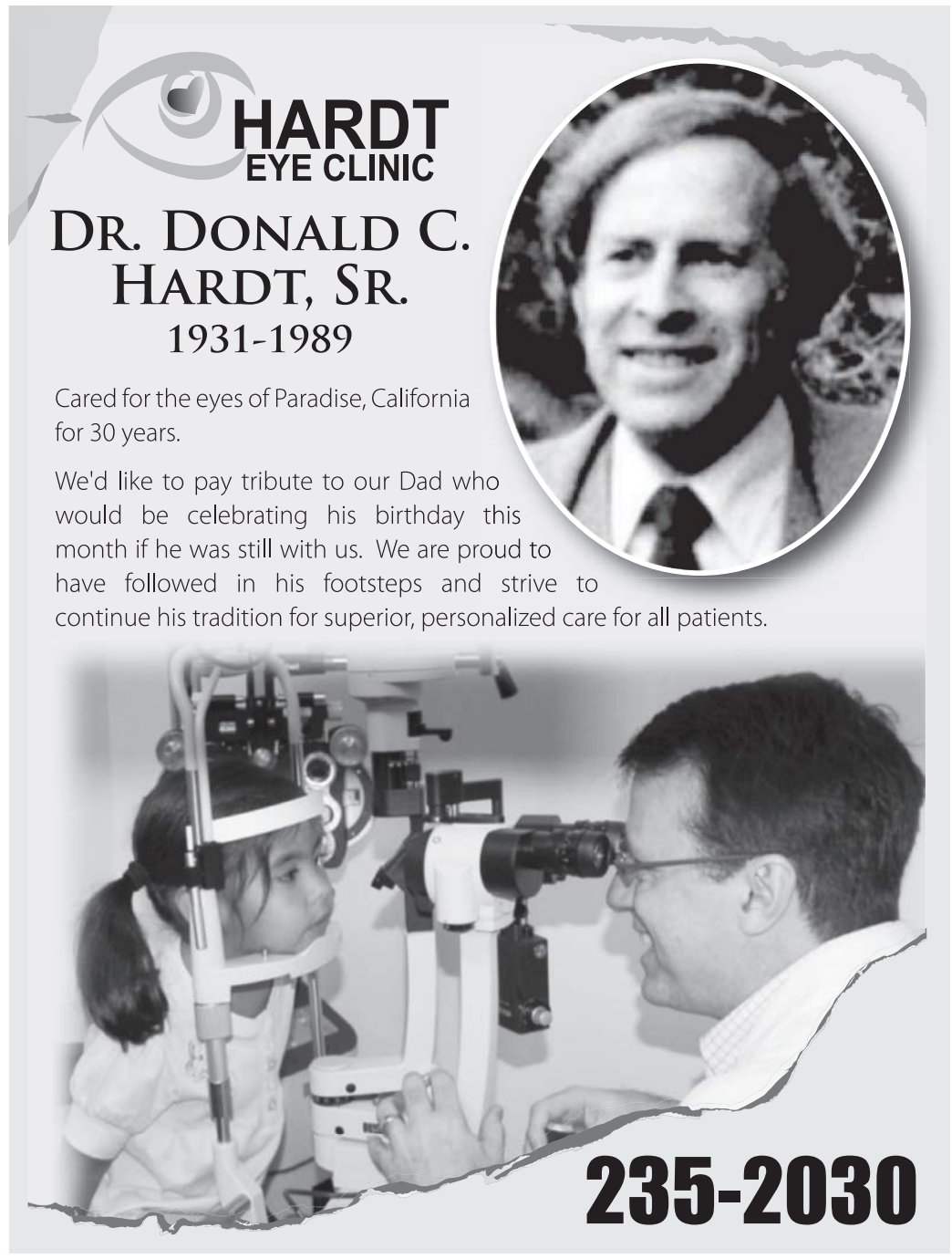
PSS procurement officer Robert Florian informed the agency's decision to the auditing firm's president, J. Scott Magliari, through a letter dated Sept. 7.

The termination notice indicated that the decision was made for the convenience of the school system.

"This is notice that your contract with PSS is terminated immediately for the convenience of PSS pursuant to Section 13 of the 'Terms and Conditions,'" stated the termination notice a copy of which was obtained by *Saipan Tribune.*

The same decision cited that the "part of your contract which this notice terminates is all work remaining to be done under the contract of as today's date."

Saipan Tribune tried to get reactions from J. Scott Magliari but he refused to give any comments last Friday. PSS paid J. Scott Magliari & Company $35,000 a year for its services. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***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Ex-CRM official under FBI investigation again on same Internet fraud

Benny K. Pangelinan, a former Coastal Resources Management official who had already served a three-year and one month prison sentence for wire fraud, is under investigation again by the FBI for allegedly committing the same offenses—defrauding family members and friends with Internet fraud schemes.

The U.S. Probation Office on Friday asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to issue summons for Pangelinan to appear at a hearing and explain why his term of supervised release should not be revoked for violating his probation conditions.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola said Pangelinan borrowed a total of $21,450 from a couple, and also received over $11,000 from a family member.

Arriola said Pangelinan got $21,450 from the couple after he promised them to double the payback once he received the $9.9 million from a "Korean woman" who had $150 million to use for projects on Saipan.

Arriola said Pangelinan was able to receive $11,000 from a family member, whom he convinced that he had large sums of money being sent to Saipan from different sources.

The probation officer said after an interview with one of those who gave money to Pangelinan, FBI special agent Joe Auther stated that Pangelinan's current conduct was similar to what he was doing when he was initially indicted with wire fraud.

Arriola said special agent Auther stated that it was almost as if Pangelinan "went back in time" because of the similarities.

Auther was the same agent in charge of investigating Pangelinan's previous wire fraud case.

In January 2007, a federal jury found Pangelinan guilty on all five wire fraud charges. The wire fraud charges stemmed from his activities to defraud potential investors and his involvement with various Internet fraud schemes.

In April 2007, the court sentenced the defendant to three years and one month in prison. After serving the jail term, he was placed on three years of supervised release.

The court ordered Pangelinan to pay a total of $129,250 in restitution to five victims.

In the U.S. Probation Office's petition to revoke Pangelinan's probation, Arriola said that on March 18, 2011, a probation officer received a call from a concerned citizen that Pangelinan had been "scamming" a family member of his money.

Arriola said probation officer Maggie Wonenberg was able to confirm the information after talking with the daughter and son of the person, who gave money to Pangelinan.

The daughter and other siblings tried to convince their father that he was getting scammed, but their conversations eventually led to arguments.

Arriola said that, on March 25, 2011, Wonenberg confronted Pangelinan about the information, but he denied the allegations.

On April 15, 2011, the family member consented to an interview with probation officers Arriola and Wonenberg.

The family member stated that Pangelinan made claims of having large sums of money coming from banks in New York, Texas, California, and other foreign locations.

Pangelinan asked financial assistance from the family member to bring the money to Saipan, and in return would pay him $150,000 once the money arrived.

Arriola said the family member later disclosed that Pangelinan had several stories about where the large amount of money was coming from: Ambassador in New York, a priest in Spain, a woman by the name of Carole Millar in Australia.

The family member related that each time the money was on its way to Saipan, an event would take place and delay its arrival.

Arriola said the family member stated that each delay required some sort of fee to have the money continue on its journey to its final destination.

The family member admitted he had given Pangelinan a little over $11,000 to assist him in bringing the money to Saipan.

Arriola said during an office visit on May 6, 2011, Pangelinan eventually admitted he had been borrowing money from the family member as well as from a couple.

Pangelinan said a certain Dr. Donald Anthony was assisting him to ship the "parcel" to Saipan and that the "item" was currently in Japan because Customs would not release it due to incomplete documentation.

Arriola said Pangelinan also admitted to keeping in contact with a certain Carol J. Millar, whom he identified as his girlfriend but met her only through an account that he setup on a dating website.

Pangelinan said Millar worked for the payout section of Western Union and was on her way to Saipan to deliver an ATM card that he won.

Pangelinan said his girlfriend Millar never made it to Saipan because she was arrested by Korean Customs.

Arriola said he told Pangelinan he was being manipulated by scammers, but he maintained they were not scams and that he was about to receive his millions.

Pangelinan stated he had paperwork from the FBI which gave him clearance to continue with his activity.

Arriola said on that same day, Pangelinan returned to the U.S. Probation Office where he submitted paperwork which he believed to be from the FBI and other documents.

After reviewing the documents, Arriola said he advised Pangelinan that they were not legitimate and instructed him to stop accessing the Internet and cease further activity with his online contacts.

Arriola said on June 1, 2011 the man who gave Pangelinan $21,450 consented to an interview with him.

Arriola said the man stated that Pangelinan promised him to double his money once he received the $9.9 million from a Korean investor. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

$6,000 for Rota casino commission sought

Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) introduced on Friday a local bill appropriating $6,000 for the operations and activities of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission for fiscal year 2011, even as the lone casino operator on island has remained temporarily closed and another investor with a conditional license to operate a casino has yet to begin operations.

Santos, in her House Local Bill 17-58, gave a breakdown of where the $6,000 will be used.

These include $2,500 for the executive director's salary, $1,000 for professional services, $2,000 for communications, $300 for repairs, and $200 for ground maintenance.

The chair of the commission is the expenditure authority for the funds requested.

The commission granted a conditional license to Rota Resort & Country Club on July 15, allowing the company to operate a casino in its premises. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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Notice of Meeting

NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE
BOARD OF REGENTS' REGULAR MEETING

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2011

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Northern Marianas College
Building D, Room No. 1
Saipan Campus

AGENDA

I. Call Meeting to Order
- a. Roll Call
- b. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- c. Review and Adoption of Minutes
  1. June 17, 2011 – Special Meeting
  2. July 14, 2011 – Regular Meeting
  3. August 17, 2011 – Special Meeting

II. Public Comment Period: Individuals may orally testify on items on this agenda during the Public Comment Period. Written Testimony is also accepted. Testifiers are requested tolimit their testimony to five (5) minutes.

III. Reports
- a. Associated Students of NMC
- b. Staff Senate
- c. Faculty Senate
- d. President's Report
  1. CFAO Report
- e. BOR Standing Committees
  1. Fiscal and Legislative Committee
  2. Personnel Committee
  3. Program Committee
  4. Training and Development Committee

IV. Old Business
- a. WASC Accreditation Update

V. New Business
- a. NMC 2011-2012 Goals and Objectives
- b. FY2012 Tuition and Fees Budget
- c. Student Enrollment Report
- d. Proposed Policies for Consideration
  1. Board Policy No. 203.1 – Board Meetings and Agenda
  2. Board Policy No. 205.1 – Board and Employee Code of Conduct
  3. Board Policy No. 501.2 – Recruitment and Hiring Practices
  4. Board Policy No. 907 – Drug Free Workplace, Smoking Tobacco and Betel Nut Chewing
- e. House Bill No. 17-39 (Postsecondary Education Act of 1984)
- f. House Bill No. 17-218 (To allocate Funds received pursuant to U.S. P.L. 110-229)

VI. Executive Session (At any time during the scheduled meeting the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential).

VII. Adjournment

/s/ Juan T. Lizama, BOR Chairperson — September 19, 2011, Date

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
2011-CDA-06-RFP

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, October 5, 2011 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN, Executive Director
/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN, Director, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB11-DCCA/NAP-131

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2011 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS, N.A.P. DIVISION"

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ MELVIN L.O. FAISAO, SECRETARY OF DC&CA
/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN, DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB11-DCCA/NAP-132

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2011 • TIME: 11:00 A.M.

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/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN, DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB11-DOC-059

OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2011 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS"

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/S/ RAMON C. MAFNAS, COMMISSIONER, DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS
/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN, DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP11-OPA-143

SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"SINGLE AUDIT OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT FOR FISICAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011"

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DRIVE, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

INQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO MR. ROSAURO D. ZAPANTA, AUDIT MANAGER, AT THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR AT (670) 322-6481

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/S/ MICHAEL PAI, PUBLIC AUDITOR
/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN, DIRECTOR, P&S

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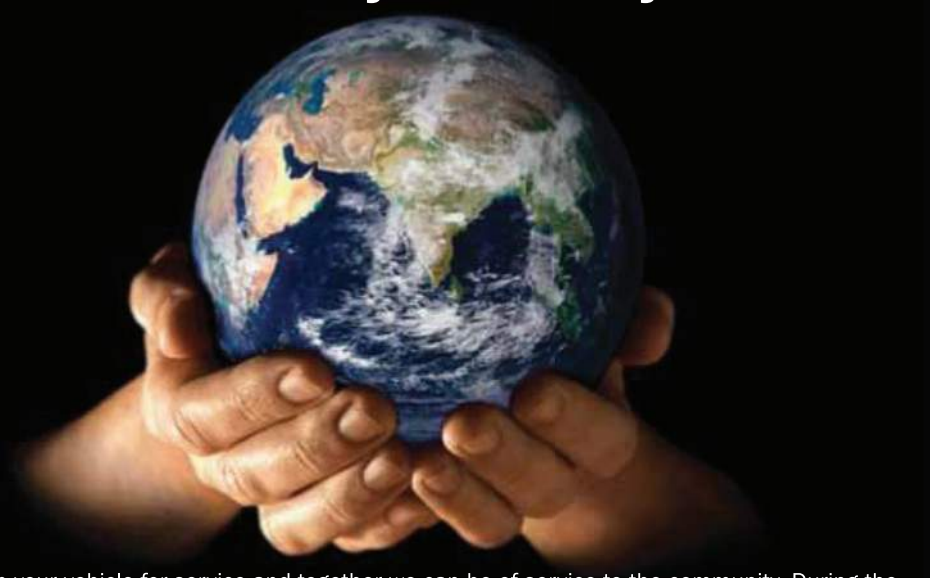

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- Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer's instructions; read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system; and check height and weight limits.
- To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.
- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.

AGE

Birth – 12 months

Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat.
There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

1 – 3 years

Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

4 – 7 years

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

8 – 12 years

Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

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For more information please contact CNMI Department of Public Safety – Highway Safety Office at 664-9001/9085

CPA: No rate increases, no work reduction in FY'12

This early, Commonwealth Ports Authority assured its stakeholders that no rate hike in airport and seaport fees will be implemented in fiscal year 2012 which will start next week.

Ports authority executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero said the agency is projecting improved revenue and collection throughout the 12-month period.

Saipan Tribune learned that CPA last increased seaport rates and charges in February 2009, while airport fees were adjusted in 2008.

Early this year, a legislation proposing CPA to impose and collect a $6.50 charge on each airline passenger, a $5 document charge for those with cargo, and $25 on consignees for "consolidated consignments" of cargo was strongly opposed by the agency, citing the ripple effect it could bring to both the travelers and stakeholders.

Additionally, Deleon Guerrero revealed that CPA will also maintain the 80-hour work schedule of all its personnel in three islands as a result of the projected savings from other austerity measures enforced internally. These include hiring freeze on new positions, ban on off-island travels, energy conservation, and not filling 30 FTE positions.

CPA has an approved 228 FTEs of which only 198 were filled for more than two years now. These vacant positions will not be provided a replacement, unless management classified the post as critical to its operation.

"We will be OK in terms of revenue [for new fiscal year] and because we have been watching very closely both our operating expenses and revenues, we're confident that CPA will be alright in 2012," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* during a break in Friday's special board meeting.

CPA is an autonomous agency that operates using its revenues while majority of its programs receive funding assistance from the Federal Aviation Administration.

The executive director also expressed confidence that CPA, from now on, will be in compliance with its bond indenture agreements for both airport and seaport following the decision of FAA classifying the passenger facility charges as part of the agency's revenues. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-048

Geothermal Energy Development on Saipan, CNMI
ADDENDUM NO. 1

Dated: September 2, 2011

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is issuing the following amendments to CUC-RFP-11-048, Geothermal Energy Development, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marina Islands:

- The initial Scope-of-Work and Proposal Solicitation Notice for CUC-RFP-11-048 has been amended. All registered prospective Offerors will be provided with a complete copy of the amended Scope-of-Work & Proposal Solicitation Notice;
- The deadline for submission of proposals has been extended from September 6, 2011 to November 15, 2011;
- The deadline for submission of inquiries has been extended to November 1, 2011.

Stage 1, Geothermal Gradient Project

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to collect and evaluate scientific data to better determine the potential for development of geothermal energy on Saipan. Available information suggests that the geothermal gradient beneath Saipan may be sufficiently steep to develop geothermal energy to generate electricity.

The technical complexity of the Project and the need to collect and evaluate extensive data will require the successful Proposer to provide the expertise from various professional disciplines, conduct exploratory drilling, and provide equipment and materials necessary to complete the Scope of Work.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of $ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **September 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original, Six (6) copies, and one (1) digitized version (PDF) must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-048 "Saipan Geothermal Development Project" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **November 01, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Dr. James Quick, CNMI Energy Advisor and Consultant via email address jquick@smu.edu. ; Mr. Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director -Power via email address wallon59@yahoo.com and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications of prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ALAN FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

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Petitioner

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAII

In the Interest of
John Doe,
A Male Child,
Born on July 19, 2007.

TPR NO. 11-1-6002

NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING

STATE OF HAWAII
TO: Unknown legal but not natural father
Whose last known address is unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a petition for termination of you parental rights in and to a male child, born on July 19, 2007 to Xiang Lan Jin aka Jin Xiang Lan has been filed in the Family Court.

YOU ARE HEARBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that a hearing on the petition will be heard in the Family Court, 4675 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, Hawaii on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED that if you fail to appear on the date set forth in this notice or to file a written answer with Family Court, whose mailing address is 4675 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707 (Attn: Special Division Calendar Clerk) before the date of hearing, further action may be taken without further notice to you, and your parental and custodial duties and rights concerning the subject child may be terminated and such child may then be placed for adoption.

Failure to obey this notice may result in the entry of default and a default judgment against you.

This notice shall not be personally delivered between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on premises not open to the public, unless a judge of the Family Court permits, in writing on this notice, personal delivery during those hours.

Dated: Kapolei, Hawaii, **Aug. 23, 2011**

/s/ A. DANBARA
Clerk of the above-entitled Court

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable state and federal laws, if you require a reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Disability Accommodations Coordinator at the First Judicial Circuit, Chief Court Administrator's Office 539-4400, FAX 539-4402 or TTY 539-4853, at least ten (10) working days prior to your hearing or appointment date.

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This notice shall not be personally delivered between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on premises not open to the public, unless a judge of the Family Court permits, in writing on this notice, personal delivery during those hours.

Dated: Kapolei, Hawaii, **Aug. 23, 2011**

/s/ A. DANBARA
Clerk of the above-entitled Court

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable state and federal laws, if you require a reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Disability Accommodations Coordinator at the First Judicial Circuit, Chief Court Administrator's Office 539-4400, FAX 539-4402 or TTY 539-4853, at least ten (10) working days prior to your hearing or appointment date.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 26, 2000

CDA urges feds to boost CNMI housing program

The Commonwealth Development Authority has initiated negotiations with two federal agencies to provide the necessary push in trying to encourage private banks into earmarking additional capital for long-term housing loans. Board Chair John S. Tenorio said there is a slow but consistent growth in the agency's housing loan program primarily because banking institutions have taken a backseat approach in the approval of credit packages for home acquisition. He explained that terms for housing loans are normally stretched up to between 20 and 25 years, which private banks and other financing institutions find restrictive due to the absence of ample market in the Northern Marianas in case the property will have to be foreclosed.

Airport project stirs optimism on Tinian economy

Tinian lawmakers have expressed a sigh of relief with the groundbreaking of the much-anticipated new airport runway project, describing it a key to economic growth in the island municipality. They also underscored its significance in enticing more tourists and investors into Tinian, while ensuring success of their fledgling casino industry. The four members of the local legislative delegation attended the groundbreaking ceremony held last Friday at the Tinian airport, which also drew other CNMI officials and business leaders.

Sept. 26, 2002

Govt offices undergoing energy audit

An audit on the energy consumption of the different government agencies and offices is now ongoing as part of efforts to tame the runaway utility bill of the entire CNMI government. It is expected to be finished by December. During Tuesday's proclamation signing for the Energy Awareness Month, acting Gov. Diego T. Benavente disclosed that the Energy Office of the Department of Public Works is now conducting an energy audit to find better and more efficient ways for the government to save on energy costs. Although there are no dollar figures yet on the amount of energy that the entire CNMI government is wasting, DPW Secretary John Reyes projected that the Commonwealth government can actually save 30 percent on its utility payments if it implements conservation costs.

Tinian Dynasty's casino hosts $100,00 Baccarat Challenge

The Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino once again hosts its most prestigious event-the $100,000 Baccarat Challenge. The highly lucrative and exciting tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6. About 100 players from Asia and the Pacific will compete for the top prize of $60,000. The winner of this event will also be awarded a stay in the Dynasty's Presidential Suite, which boasts a daily rate of $2,500. The entry fee is only $1,000 but the Dynasty Hotel & Casino will guarantee the prize pool of $100,000 so no matter the number of buy-ins the prize money will be paid out as advertised.

Sept. 26, 2003

TF to pursue submerged lands issues

Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente this week presided over the first meeting of the newly formed Submerged Lands Task Force to map out the next course of action in the CNMI's efforts to pursue the submerged lands case. Benavente explained yesterday that the court decision denying the CNMI ownership of its submerged lands prompted the administration to establish the special group. "We called all the agencies that has jurisdiction over submerged lands issues and has programs with the federal government on those jurisdictions so that we make sure that those programs and enforcement efforts are protected," said the administration official.

MVA: Disqualification nothing to do with color

The non-selection of businessman Ray Yumul for the Marianas Visitors Authority's top post has nothing to do with his ethnic origin, according to MVA legal counsel Eric Smith. Instead, the MVA board turned him down because MVA managing director Jonas Ogren is more qualified than him, Smith said, citing that Ogren-who holds a degree from Cornell University, an Ivy League university-has a vast experience in tourism having worked in an international hotel in China as well as on Rota. "It has nothing to do with race. It has nothing to with him being a local or Chamorro-Filipino, which, he says, is the reason for the alleged discrimination against him. Being a local and having a BA won't necessarily make you an MVA managing director," said Smith.

KARIDAT A Northern Mariana Islands Social Service

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT

This is to request for proposal (RFP) to perform a financial and compliance audit on KARIDAT for fiscal years ending September 30, 2011, 2012, and 2013. The audit will be performed in compliance with the generally accepted auditing standards. The proposal must be submitted to Karidat's Office on Chalan Kanoa Drive or mailed to Karidat Social Service, P.O. Box 500745, Saipan MP 96950 by September 30, 2011.

I. **Contents of Proposal:** The following information must be included in the Audit Proposal:
   1. Title Page Containing:
   2. RFP Subject
   3. Name of the Firm
   4. Local Address
   5. Telephone Number
   6. Name of Contact Person
   7. Submission Date

II. **Transmittal Letter:**
   A. A brief statement of your understanding of the work to be performed and an Affirmative statement to perform work within the time period stipulated.
   B. State all-inclusive fee for which the audit will be performed.

III. **Firm Profile:** Provide a brief description of your firm's personnel education background and experience, number of staff, staff level (partner, manager, supervisor, etc.) and client's listings. The firm must make an affirmative statement that at least the partners are Certified Public Accountants (CPAs).

IV. **Proposal Evaluation Criteria:** The proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria.
   A. Responsiveness of the proposal in clearly stating understanding of the work to be performed:
      1. Audit coverage
      2. Overall estimates as well as the time estimates for each major section of the work to be performed.
   B. Qualifications and experience of the firm:
      1. Size and structure of the firm
      2. Ability to maintain continuity of project
      3. Experience of the firm in auditing Federal Financial Assistance programs and Non-Profit Organizations.
   C. Qualifications and experience of staff to be assigned. Education, position in the firm, and years and type of experience will be considered:
      1. Qualifications of audit team
      2. Supervision to be exercised over the firm's audit team
   D. Audit Fee

V. **Audit Administration Matters:**
   A. KARIDAT staff will prepare schedules as required by the Auditor.
   B. Audit Planning Meetings, interim conferences and exit conference may be attended by the following officials: Members of Karidat Board of Directors, the Executive Director. Accountants, and the Administrative Officer.
   C. Date of contract award will be October 15, 2011. The audit field work will be completed by January 15, 2012.
   D. The audit draft report must be completed no later than April 15, 2012.
   E. All inquiries must be in writing and submitted prior to the proposal deadline of September 30, 2011.

VI. **Confidentiality of Audit Proposals:** All audit proposals will be reviewed in a confidential manner. Proposals must be labeled "Confidential" and transmitted to the Executive Director, Karidat Social Services, P.O. Box 500745, Saipan MP 96950. It may also be hand delivered to the Executive Director at Karidat's main office located on Chalan Kanoa Drive.

/s/ Angie V. De Leon Guerrero
Executive Director

The U.S. Military Services INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE in the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) EIS/OEIS

The U.S. Navy is in the early stages of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to evaluate potential environmental effects associated with maintaining military readiness training and research, development, testing and evaluation activities ("training and testing activities") in the MITT Study Area. Community input is requested on the scope, environmental resources and local issues to address in the EIS/OEIS.

The military services request your input!

You can participate in a variety of ways:
- Visit **www.mitt-eis.com** to learn more, submit comments and link to resources about military training and testing activities.
- Mail written comments to the address below.
- Attend an open house scoping meeting and submit oral or written comments.

Let the services know what environmental factors should be considered in the preparation of the EIS/OEIS.

PROPOSED ACTION:

The Proposed Action is to conduct military readiness training and testing activities within the MITT Study Area. The MITT Study Area includes air, land and sea space in the existing Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC), additional areas on the high seas and a transit corridor where military training and testing activities may occur. The Proposed Action would support training and testing activities associated with new systems and force structure changes within the MITT Study Area to ensure critical military requirements are met. The EIS/OEIS will support applicable environmental reauthorizations, consultations and other associated environmental requirements for those training and testing activities. The MITT EIS/OEIS is the reevaluation and reauthorization of training and testing activities reviewed in the MIRC EIS/OEIS, which the Navy completed with community input in 2010.

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific
Attention: MITT EIS/OEIS Project Manager
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100
Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134

Submit comments online at **www.mitt-eis.com**.

Comments must be postmarked or received online by Monday, Nov. 7, 2011.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

Open House: 5 to 8 p.m.

Guam:
Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011
University of Guam
Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building,
Anthony Leon Guerrero Multi-Purpose Room 129
Mangilao, Guam 96923

Guam:
Friday, Sept. 23, 2011
Southern High School, Cafeteria
#1 Jose Perez Leon Guerrero Drive
Santa Rita, Guam 96915

Saipan:
Monday, Sept. 26, 2011
Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe
Saipan, MP 96950

Tinian:
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011
Tinian High School, Cafeteria
San Jose Village
Tinian, MP 96952

Rota:
Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011
Sinapalo Elementary School, Cafeteria
Sinapalo I, Songsong Village
Rota, MP 96951

For more information visit: www.mitt-eis.com

CNMI Water Task Force
ITB 11-GOV- 141

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting Sealed Bids from qualified individuals or firms for the procurement of the supply and delivery of various materials for use in the optimization of the water wellheads on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bidders must bid on all items. A contract will be awarded to one supplier for all bid items

The procurement specifications and special terms and conditions will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan on or after **September 19, 2011**.

Any questions regarding this Invitation for Bids should be addressed to Mr. Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, CNMI Water Task Force at (670) 664-2285, or via facsimile at (670) 664-2279 before **October 3, 2011.**

Sealed Bids must be marked **"Supply of Wellhead Materials", ITB11-GOV- 141.** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and four (4) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan no later than **2:00 p.m., local time, October 18, 2011**. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days of receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **2:00 p.m., local time, October 18, 2011** and must be transmitted via facsimile to **(670) 664-1515** or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and four (4) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Services or the official government postal service no later than **October 18, 2011** AND must be received by Procurement and Supply no later than **October 27, 2011**.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at **2:00 p.m., local time, October 28, 2011**. However, if no notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, the bids will be opened at **2:00 p.m., local time, October 19, 2011.**

Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs. Award of a contract is contingent upon approval from DOI/OIA.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposal and to waive any imperfection in a proposal in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All Proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/Benigno R. Fitial
Governor

/s/Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

IL CORPORATION dba LADERA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF SAIPAN, et. al
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 11-0092

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to an Order issued by this Court on August 29, 2011, in which the undersigned was Ordered to levy, execute and sell, in accordance with law, a parcel of real property, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, Defendants' interest in and to the following real property situated in Fina Sisu Village along side Tun Joaquin Doi Road, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as described below.

Tract 22741, (AH 449), located along side of Tun Joaquin Doi Road, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 20,207 square meters more or less, as more particularly described on Division of Lands and Survey's Official Drawing/Cadastral Plat. No.2004/76, filed at the Land Registry Saipan as document number 8257 on May 22, 1979.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale: The sale, open to the general public (including the Defendants), will be held on **Friday, October 28, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.**, at the grounds of Ladera International School of Saipan, Fina Sisu Village, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

DATED this 23rd day of September, 2011.

/s/ S. Joshua Berger, Auctioneer
Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger
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EDITORIAL

Iraq, minus US troops

Under an agreement between Iraq and the George W. Bush administration, virtually all U.S. troops are to be out of that country by the end of the year. But the Obama administration, and apparently the Iraqi government, favor maintaining a residual force. To which our response is: "Yes ... but."

After this country's long slog through a bloody and unnecessary war, one that has cost 4,474 American lives, the idea of prolonging any U.S. presence is extremely unappealing. But if the military deems this absolutely essential, then so long as the force were kept small—5,000 or so—it might be acceptable as a way of shoring up Iraqi security forces and continuing training operations.

A larger force, though, would violate the spirit as well as the letter of the so-called Status of Forces Agreement signed by Iraq and the Bush administration. Some in the military have suggested a residual force as large as 18,000—almost half of the 44,500 troops now in the country. If such a large force is necessary to secure gains in Iraq—and there have been some—it's hard to see any end to U.S. military involvement.

Supporters of a larger force argue that it is vital to the achievement of virtually every American objective in Iraq. For example, the Washington Post cites containing al-Qaida, tamping down sectarian conflict, intercepting weapons from Iran and maintaining peace between Iraqi Kurdistan and the rest of the country. These are weighty goals, but at some point Iraq must make good on the call by the Bush administration to "step up" and take charge of its own destiny. That point is the end of this year.

The United States assumed a responsibility for Iraq when it invaded the country in 2003 and then squandered time and resources with an inept occupation. But eight years later Iraq has an elected government, however precarious its hold on power, and the security situation has improved significantly (despite a recent increase in attacks). The situation in any case is no worse than the signers of the Status of Forces Agreement would have predicted. President Obama doesn't have to take the agreement with the Iraqis literally, but he should take it seriously. That means a small residual force.

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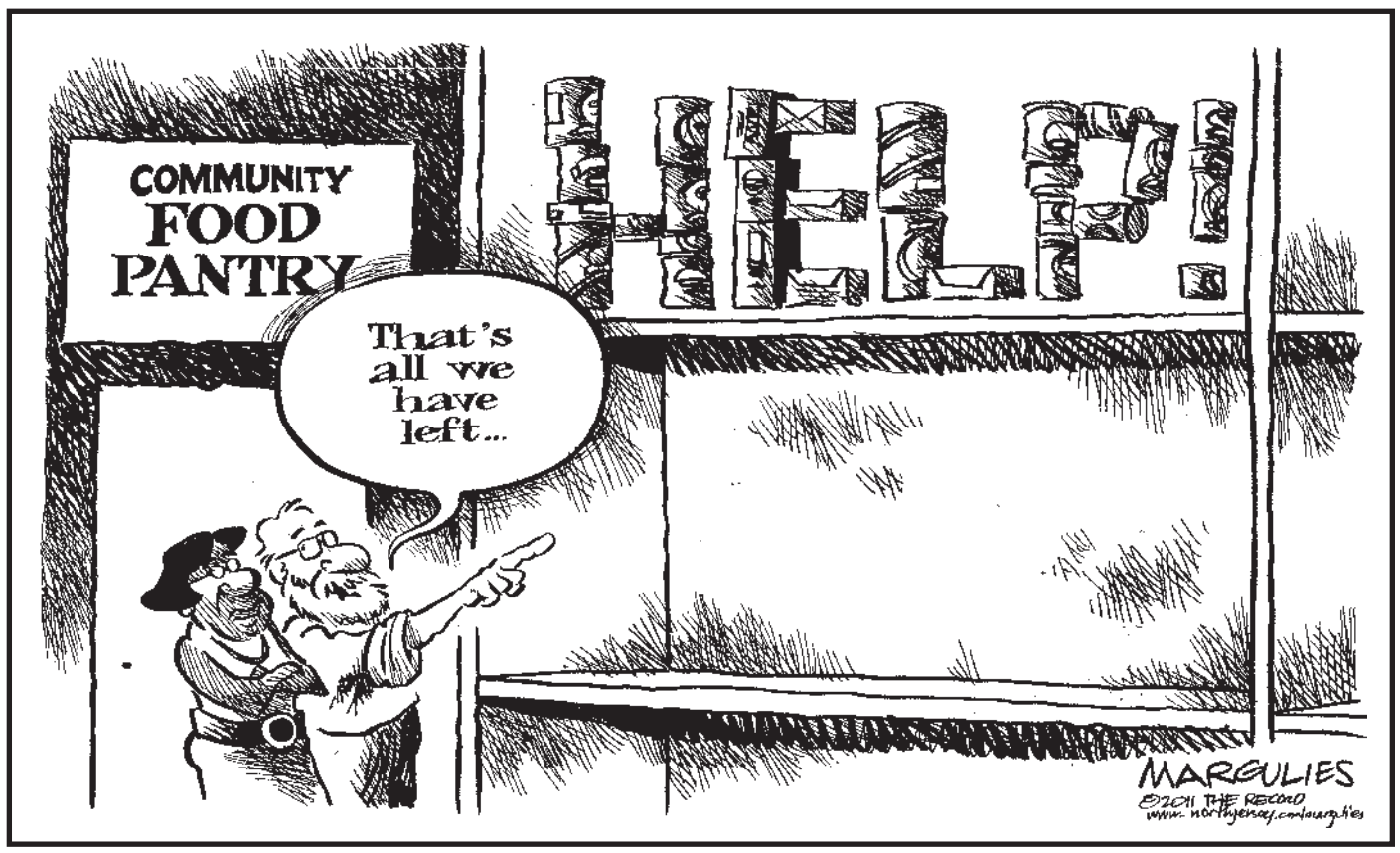

Visionary leadership! Where is it?

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Our world is fast crumbling down upon our ears. The Legislature is at odds with each other over the greatly reduced budget. The Retirement Fund is slipping into oblivion. Tourism is declining steadily. More and more government workers are having their hours reduced or getting pink slips telling them not to come to work until further notice.

Our utility corporation is steadily raising its rates taking a larger chunk from our reduced paychecks. One by one companies, stores, restaurants are closing down. Our labor force is being forced to undergo a major change creating chaos in the workplace. Many of our friends are fleeing the islands seeking a more stable haven. When does it all stop? How can we stop it?

We can stop the downward sliding if we understand the following concepts presented here. Most of us are expecting the people we have elected to do all the visionary work for us. Then like passive sheep we will follow the herd. By doing this we are digging a deeper pit. We cannot relinquish our responsibility and expect a third party to solve our problems. We must participate in the rejuvenation of our nation.

Leadership starts at the bottom and works its way up. This includes everybody in every position, job and walk of life.

We hear many criticisms against the Legislature, the administration but none about us. However a long time ago, I learned that when I point my finger to accuse someone, three fingers reflect back on me. This tells me that I am as much to blame for the problem as the group or the one that I am pointing my finger at. So let's stop pointing at others and become visionary leaders. What! How can I become that? I am only a clerk or a simple man in the street?

Let's define what visionary leadership is. Visionary leadership is the act of increasing efficiency by moving decision-making responsibility to the frontline. The frontline is where the real action is. Efficiency is achieved with limited supervision. We, who are employers, must give workers opportunities to develop quality decision-making skills and learn to trust them.

As an example, the highly successful Wal-Mart stores use visionary leadership. In other words, employees are center of the organization. They share their ideas and thoughts into what can be and should be. Top management understands and encourages this activity from the employees.

Standard leadership, which most employers practice, assumes employees to be robots and do as they are told. This also applies to our government method of operation. This is known as command-and-control leadership. As a result low efficiency is caused by the disconnect between management and the frontline. Management is busy dealing with problems that affect them while ignoring problems that affect the frontline. Frontline problems are only dealt with when they explode into a major problem.

K-Mart stores and ineffective governments use standard leadership. This difference in style explains why Wal-Mart is the world's largest and most profitable store operation company in the world, while K-Mart is barely surviving. Isn't this also true for governments that are successful?

Leadership is highly personal. It begins with the self. If we are not sure who we are, if we haven't defined our unique purpose and vision, why should anyone follow us, especially during these troubled times. Personal leadership begins in our home, in our offices, and workplaces.

Today look around your workplace. Is it a pleasant place to work? Is the room or work area clean? Would it look nicer if a small painting or a vase of flowers adorned the room? Are you comfortable and at ease when visitors come into your work area? Or do you accept it as it is because the boss doesn't say anything about it to you? Why not take the initiative and fix up the way you would love it to look? That is the beginning of a personal vision. It must start on the bottom and work its way up.

All of us have the power within to become visionary leaders. Visionary leaders are the builders of a new dawn, working with imagination and insight. Their eyes are on the horizon, not just on the near at hand.

Consider how easy it is to become an officer or even president of a group. The next time we attend a meeting and elections of officers are planned. Notice how few people raise their hands and volunteer to become an officer. For example, try this at our next PTA meeting. Suddenly raise our hand and before we realize it, we have become an officer. I have seen this happen often. When we offer our services they are almost always accepted.

Once we begin the climb and realize that we can become visionary leaders, we begin to attract like minded individuals who were too shy to speak out. And before we realize, we begin to make changes that improve our surroundings that we placidly accepted before. This is the beginning of visionary leadership.

Consider some of the following examples. None of these people were born as visionary leaders, but something happened to them that blossomed forth that launched them as visionary leaders. Consider Mahatma Gandhi who believed: "I must first be the change I want to see in my world." He was a prime example of a commitment to values, as he freed India from the British Empire rule.

Rather than be corrupted by power, visionary leaders are elevated by power and exercise moral leadership. Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights and Marion Wright Edelman, founder of the Children's Defense fund are two prime examples. Television host Oprah Winfrey's great popularity stems from her ability to make her guests believe in themselves and work to create a better world. Nelson Mandela clearly held a positive vision of a racially harmonious South Africa during his 28 years in jail and helped bring it into reality peacefully—to the amazement of the world. Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech changed the social life of America.

Visionary leaders transmit energy to people, giving them a new

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USCIS clarifies some issues, but not all

IMMIGRATION FORUM

By BRUCE MAILMAN AND MAYA KARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Maya Kara is a native of Hungary and comes to the practice of law by way of her interest in Asian history. Bruce Mailman is a native of Bakersfield, California and was a private investigator in California prior to becoming a lawyer. Both have lived and practiced law in the CNMI for over 20 years, Maya in government service and Bruce in private practice. They are married and are partners in the law firm of Mailman & Kara, LLC in Garapan, Saipan.

This past week has seen a flurry of public outreach efforts by USCIS. USCIS high level personnel have conducted multiple public informational sessions and well as meetings with smaller groups. We have participated in several of these sessions and meetings, and would like to share some things that we have learned that we think may be useful to our readers. Some issues remain unclear and we list them as well in the hope that attention may be focused on these problems.

1. YOU NEED TO EXTEND YOUR PAROLE IF YOU LEFT THE CNMI AND RE-ENTERED USING ADVANCE PAROLE

It appears that there has been some failure in coordination between USCIS and CBP. Since Nov. 28, 2009, if you are an alien residing in the CNMI and you left the CNMI for a foreign country, you needed an advance parole in order to return. When you re-entered, you were "paroled" into the United States and you became a parolee. The expiration date that is stamped into your Form I-94, which is stapled into your passport, is the date that your parole expires.

When you were paroled back into the CNMI, your umbrella permit became your work authorization. The USCIS plan was that all aliens with umbrella permits who returned to the CNMI after foreign travel would have a parole expiration stamp of Nov. 27, 2011. That apparently did not always happen. If you re-entered the CNMI on an advance parole at any time during the past two years, please check your passport. If your I-94 has an expiration stamp earlier than Nov. 27, 2011, you will need to have your parole extended. If you do not act to have it extended, your presence in the CNMI will be deemed unlawful and you will not be able to get CW or other employment based status without first leaving the CNMI.

What to do: You will need to contact the ASC in Saipan and get your parole extended. We are told that there will be some form of expedited processing available so that this can be accomplished in time. There will be a public outreach effort by USCIS to make sure everyone knows what to do to extend parole. If your I-94 has a Nov. 27, 2011 expiration, you have nothing to worry about. If you haven't left the CNMI in the last two years, you also have nothing to worry about, assuming that you already have an umbrella permit or parole-in-place.

2. SOME RELIEF FOR IMMEDIATE RELATIVES OF US CITIZENS WHO ARE UNABLE TO FILE FOR ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS BEFORE NOV. 28, 2011

We have had an ongoing concern about spouses, parents, and children of U.S. citizens who are eligible for green cards but for one reason or another have been unable to apply. The most common reason is lack of financial resources to pay for the required filing fees. There appears to be limited relief for these people.

The application for a green card, formally known as adjustment of status to U.S. permanent resident, has three parts: proof of the qualifying relationship to a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident; proof of good moral character; and evidence that the green card applicant will not become a "public charge." These three components of a green card application are addressed by filing the following forms (with, of course, other supporting forms and documentation):

- Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative or Form I-360, Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er) or Special Immigrant. The Form I-130 is the form filed by the US citizen for the foreign relative and establishes the relationship by which the alien qualifies: e.g., proof of marriage relationship if the applicant is a spouse; proof of parent child relationship if the applicant is a child under 21, or a parent of a child over 21. The Form I-360 is used by widows and widowers, by victims of domestic abuse, and by immigrant religious workers. The filing fee for the Form I-130 is $420. There is no filing fee for the Form I-360 when it is filed by victims of abuse. The Forms I-130 and I-360 are used by both USCIS and the U.S. Department of State's consulates.
- Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status. This is the form filed by the alien relative to show that he or she has good moral character and is otherwise admissible to the United States. The filing fee is $985 plus a biometrics fee of $85 for a total of $1,070. (The Form I-485 is used only by USCIS; the Department of State instead uses its own DS-230, with a different fee schedule.)
- Form I-864, Affidavit of Support. This form is used to establish that the Petitioner has the minimal financial capability to support the Applicant so that the applicant does not become a public charge. If the Petitioner's income is not sufficient, the income of the Applicant, family members living in the household or a sponsor may be used to fulfill the requirement. There is no USCIS fee to file this form; if you must go through consular processing abroad, there is a fee under some circumstances. Not all applicants need to file this form; for example, victims of domestic abuse by a U.S. citizen spouse or parent are exempted from filing this form. So are surviving spouses, although they may need to show some form of financial support. You need to read the instructions carefully to determine whether the I-864 is required.

We usually file these forms together as a package for our clients who are immediate relatives of US citizens. However, there is no requirement that all three be filed together; the I-130 or I-360 can be filed separately and ahead of the others.

It now appears that USCIS, in response to the plight of many CNMI families who cannot afford all of the filing fees, has come up with a limited solution. If you are a U.S. citizen over the age of 21, and you have an alien spouse, or an alien child under 21, or alien parents, you can file an I-130, and then your alien relative can apply for parole-in-place, which is a form of humanitarian parole. This will ensure that your alien relative continues to be lawfully present in the CNMI while you complete the application for his or her green card and while it is being processed and adjudicated. Because the filing fee for an I-130 ($420) is significantly less than the filing fee for the entire package including the I-485 (an additional $1,070 including biometrics fee), we hope that families who have refrained from filing because of financial issues, will do so now. Please note that this form of parole in place does not appear to be available for immediate relatives of green card holders.

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sense of hope and confidence in achieving the vision. They inspire their fellow citizens to envision a better life and to take positive action to achieve it.

We could continue to show more examples of people who stood up and voiced their frustrations at the society about them. None were born visionaries, but became visionaries the moment they began to take a personal interest in their surroundings. So how does this apply to our present state of affairs in the CNMI?

My fellow citizens, unless we begin to feel strongly about what is happening to us and our community, we will continue the downward spiral. It is time that you and I stand up and be counted. It is time that we begin to practice visionary leadership, starting with ourselves and ascending to higher levels in our community.

We understand well the problems that are besieging our community. But it is imperative that we begin to take a position to correct them. We must stop pointing fingers at others and understand that change starts within us. Without the courage and determination needed, we can expect little to change. Let us stop expecting others to do our work.

Let us begin with a commitment to core spiritual values coupled with a firm will. We must state clear inspirational visions until we all begin to see them in harmony. Add innovative and courageous action. Fear has no place in this arena. We must be willing to sacrifice to achieve our vision. We need to develop respectful and empowering relationships. All of these must be innovative and require courageous action.

As I stated in my title: Visionary leadership: Where is it? Unless we develop it, expect more chaos and depression in our community. Greatness lies in each of us. Speak up! Step forward! Our community needs you now! Become a visionary.

'Nai ta diñgu tradision natibu

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Irelasion natibu yan tanu' niha, ha tutuhon matgan yan maliñgu gi rimulinon tinilaika dispues de finagpu geran dos. Adumididi' ta sotta tradision fangualuan yan peska, modun linala'ta guine deste siñku siglu antes. Tatutuhon man-machochu' para i Navy, Trust Territory yan bisnis.

Estague' fuetsau tumulaika i modun linala'ta 'nai ta adapta ekonomian salape' gi hechuran offisiu siha gi todu atmos banda, gobietnu yan bisnis. Este na tinilaika chumapag hagas relasion tradision yan tano'ta. Otru ta petsige dispues de sottau tradision antes.

Pagu man-gaige hit man-mama'ya' gi tinilaika ginen tradision guatu gi modetnu na modun relasionta yan tano'ta. Matulaika mampos i mañan tradision yan sentimentota pot tanu' natibu. Ilelegta na iyota lau mafnas i hagas tradisionat na relasion yan tanu'.

Makat ta lie' hafa kabales i resuttan tinilaika guatu gi modetnu na Marianas. Guaha ha' pumopo'lu na gagaige ha' sentimenton tradision lau esta kinilili' huyuñg ni sague' ma'te. Debi i natibu u satton pumula' hafa ha guiguife para futtunaña gi nuebu na siglu. Yangin man-logun hit ya ta letke obligasion kinayon yanu na plaset, siempre sumen makat i famaguonta para u fana' dispues.

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Gef hassu, planeha mauleg

Yangin tana' suha i Attikulu Dose, humuyuñg ta konfitma dinisehata sumustene hagas tradision dueñon tanu' guine. Hagu siempre un' fama' tinas uttimu disposision ni tano'mu.

Olara ha' mohon na ti megai bumenden ñaihon piot uttimu na propiadat familia. Afañelos, i salape' ta sosoda' mona gi finachucho'ta. I tanu 'an esta taigue pues ni para famaguonmu taya'.

Hassu mauleg parehu ha' kau para unna' ma-atkila i propiadatmu. Yangin unna' suha sa' ma-atkila 55 años, pues ennau lokue' na tiempu debi de umanañga ni famaguonmu para u ketuñgu kau hafa para siha. Ala kuenta, un' punu' appottunidat niha nu i usun tanomu kumu saina. Ayu mina katket disision debi un' get hassu ya un' planeha mauleg.

Sessu lokue' mana' bulachu haye siña gumai tanu guine dispues de tana' suha i Attikulu Dose. Klaru na este na direchu malimitte para sudadanon Amerikanu solu. Ti siña ginen Filipinas 'sino otru nasionat ni ti sudadanu gumai tanu'. Este na fañgontentu hamyu sa' asegurau.

Halom matan pagyu

Man-gaige pagu gi matan un' pipinu' na pagyun ekonomia. Esta ha saulag hit ginen katan. Fafatta ginen lichan, haya yan ginen lagu. I uttimu sakudida 'nai gaige fefetteña este na pagyu. Bula fumafana' sumen triste na chinatsaga. Lamegai lokue' na familia manmachule'guan ni primet gima' niha pot baban tiempu.

Mampos hana' disganau hiniñgoghu man-triste na sentimentu pot didog na pinadese gi tanu' natibu. Naturatmente gi maseha hafa na gotpe yan pinadese siempre i tautau man-atan kau guaha ausiliu ginen i man-ma'gas niha gi halom este na linau lina'la'. Lau kulan mas ha' gi no siakassu ke magahet na ayudu ginen i hegsu' i Deni'.

Ginagagau na debi i publiku u muebague' sin ditension ya u chule' tatte i gobietnamentoña. I gipot Noche Buena un' biahe ha' gi sakan 'nai mafatu. Los dimas, dobla mañgas franelamu yan kaunesmu sa' oran sufa' gi katkuet katsada.

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Tradision tanu' i fanliheñg familia gi kustumbren natibu. Estague' finenina na attikulu masoyu' gi lahe ni plumaneneha umestablese nuebu na familia. Guaha mohon haf' na fina' ausiliu para este siha na familia i para u fan tai gima' ti apmam yan pagu?

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Masañgan i amiguhu na paire na estudianten katpenteria gi Guam Community College, Ha chuchule' mage settifikuña pot prueba. Makone' kumu kabesanten hagas man-katpenteru gi Depattamenton Public Works.

Un' dia matagu' para u aregla i pisegra gi Offisinan Lt. Governor. Ha chule' measuring tape ya sige ha midi. Ha gu'ot mafñot i midisioña ya sige papa' gi hegsu' i Deni. I sumusugon i kareta ha repara hafa i amiguhu bidaña na ha gugu'ot mafñot i trastes man-midi.

Sige papa' gi hegsu 'nai i draiba (driver) ha gacha' gotpe i brek (brake). 'Nai kume arapatu i amiguhu ha sotta i measuring tape. Sige mumu na para umabira siha tatte gi Offisinan Lt. Governor sa' maliñgu i midisioña. Era tiha tuñgu' usun measuring tape ayu mina ha gugu'ot yan linala'ña hafa ha midi. A`Saina dispensayu nu este na estoriahu.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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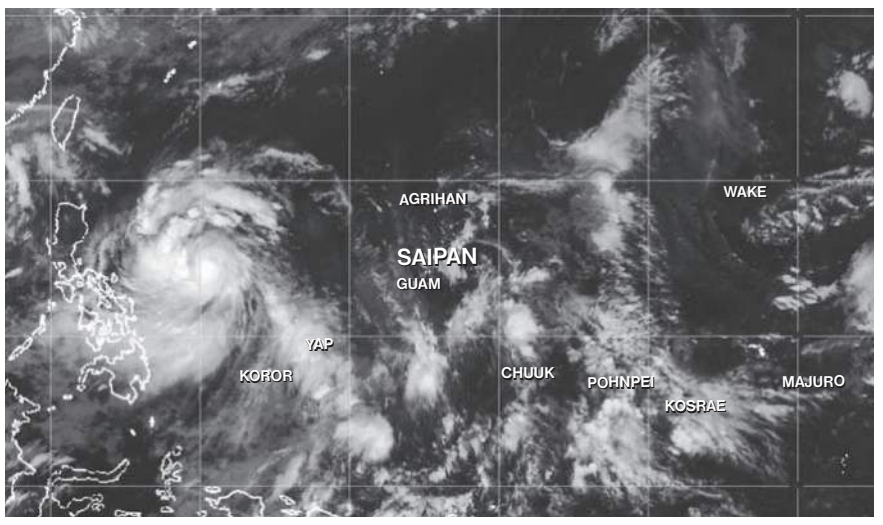
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲83	▼76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲86	▼75
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Majuro	Rain	▲84	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼49
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲80	▼55
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼79
Honolulu	Sunny	▲87	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲83	▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲77	▼51
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86	▼77
New York	Thundershowers	▲79	▼69
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼65
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼56
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼65
Rome	Sunny	▲83	▼61
Salem	Showers	▲70	▼59
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼58
Seoul	Sunny	▲81	▼57
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼64
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲84	▼72

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Nesat (20W) is centered 545 miles north of Koror near 15N133E moving west-northwest at 13 mph with maximum sustained winds of 50 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are located north of Koror between 18N and 8N from 130E to 134E. Spiral bands of showers and isolated thunderstorms are found just north of Yap within 80 miles of a line from 8N140E to 19N135E to 20N132E. Scattered showers are occurring southeast of Yap within 90 miles of a line from 1N140E to 7N144E. For more information on Nesat, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service at Guam under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A surface trough extends northeastward from 11N150E to 20N154E. In addition, an upper-level low is centered east of the Marianas at 14N149E. These features are combining to produce scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms well east of the Marianas between 21N and 12N from 151E to 159E. Converging east winds ahead of the surface trough are triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms northwest of Wake Island between 22N and 16N from 159E to 162E. Converging east winds are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Chuuk over Pohnpei between 12N and the equator from 153E to 160E. A weak trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers over Kosrae between 6N and 2N from 160E to 166E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:19 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
6:00 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
12:34 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
6:48 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:11 PM
Tuesday	6:06 AM	6:10 PM
Wednesday	6:06 AM	6:09 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:08 PM
Friday	6:07 AM	6:08 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:29 AM	5:00 PM
Tuesday	5:29 AM	5:47 PM
Wednesday	6:31 AM	6:35 PM
Thursday	7:34 AM	7:27 PM
Friday	8:38 AM	8:21 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)**			
C09314	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5	C09315	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)**			
C09315	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5	C09314	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	C09314	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C09315	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	5K387	6:30am	7:20am	3, 7
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	8:10am	9:00am	1, 5
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	4, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K382	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)				**NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN**			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	3, 4, 7	5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	3, 4, 7
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				**OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN**			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:45am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via KIX	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)				**GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:45am	12:45am+1	Daily via NRT
C09317/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	C0190/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	9:55pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0192/9596	9:55pm	7:25am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
				C0184/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				C0184/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
5K168	9:45am	12:55pm	1, 5	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	5K169	2:20pm	9:25pm	1, 5
				C0180/9596	10:30pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
				C0180/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1 via GUM

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

25 YEARS AFTER BEING LOST AT SEA

Family, friends remember 13 fishermen

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

For Florence Kirby, 25 years seemed to have passed by so fast since her brother, Silvestre R. Selepeo, passed away.

"Maybe it's because we've been celebrating every year. All of a sudden, 25 years is here," she said in an interview.

Kirby's brother is among the 13 local fishermen who disappeared at sea while on board M/V *Olwol* which set off for a fishing expedition to the Northern Islands on Sept. 23, 1986.

The other fishermen were Joseph T. Lisua, Martin L. Saures, Pedro L. Mettao, Joseph R. Kaipant, Benusto M. Lisua, Juan Benusto R. Olopai, Isidro R. Romolor, Jovencio C. Falguera, Joaquin L. Moteisou, Jose T. Igisaiar, Enrique L. Moteisou, and Guillermo Saures.

The names of the 13 fishermen were engraved in a memorial monument along Beach Road. Two other names of fishermen, Emilio T. Lisua and Antonio S. Fitial, were also etched on the monument since they passed away on the same day.

Family members and friends gathered at the monument on Friday to observe the 13 fishermen's silver death anniversary.

"We look back and we don't feel bad or sad anymore. Missing them, yes. We still do. I guess you just never forget," Kirby told *Saipan Tribune.*

Friday's event featured a mass officiated by Fr. Celso Magbanua Jr. followed by a cultural ceremony wherein the fishermen's families launched to sea coconut husks containing flowers, symbolizing the families letting go of the pain of losing their loved ones that fateful day.

Tom Tebuteb, who had nephews among the 13 fishermen and are related to most of them through extended family, said the death commemoration is also an opportunity "to perpetuate our sense of family."

"It shows a sense of togetherness, honor, and respect, particularly to those who help the families for the celebration," he said. "It also serves as a reminder that we need to keep the faith in dealing with our loss."

Tebuteb said that they also made an offering of fish "to maintain our sense of good luck and respect for the elements of the sea and land together."

"It's a long tradition that's sort of vanishing. We just wanted to do it," he added.

But for Alicia Odoshi of Tottotville, 25 years seemed only like yesterday. "It's still very painful for us to look back and think that all of them perished out there in the sea. Some of the families still can't accept that they're gone."

Odoshi, however, noted that the ceremony was "so touching" and they believe that the 13 fishermen are now "in a better place."

All attending family members and friends also feasted on a buffet of local dishes.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Tottotville resident Alicia Odoshi lights a candle by the 13 Fishermen Memorial Monument along Beach Road to commemorate the silver death anniversary of the 13 local fishermen who disappeared at sea on their way to the Northern Islands.

Letter to the Editor

CHC Volunteers Association celebrates silver anniversary

In the summer of 1986, there was a wonderful public announcement on the radio (KCNM and KSAI) calling for a meeting of men and women interested in getting together to form a volunteer group in pursuit of extending help to the soon-to-be-completed Commonwealth Health Center on Lower Navy Hill.

How was this possible and who are the good folks behind this who were calling the meeting? Well, while the transition was taking place from the good old Dr. Jose Torres Hospital in As Terlaje, these wonderful people calling the meeting were the former Dr. Jose T. Villagomez, director of the health services for the Mariana Islands; Gregorio "Greg" Calvo, former hospital administrator (a very tough guy, but a great one) Juanita Dortch (very influential in suggesting to Dr. V that the new hospital will be very beneficial if there is a volunteer group); Angie V. Guerrero, former Medicaid administration; Norma Matthews, Dr. V's secretary, and last but not least, Rosa T. Palacios, (better known as Acha-Bebe) former public health educator and now retired..

Well, there must have been about 60 people who came to the meeting to listen to the hospital folks and hear their ideas and what they have in mind and when we heard that the hospital will need men and women who will volunteer their time without compensation; we were humbled by their words of wisdom and their ideas were taken seriously by the men and women who came to that meeting 25 years ago.

So in order for the volunteers to start helping at the soon-to-be-completed CHC, the organization had to be a non-profit and also had to be chartered by the Attorney Generals Office. At that time we were a bit inexperienced as to how we were going to go about it. So Angie V. Guerrero suggested to the men and women present at the meeting to contact the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteer Association and seek their assistance in which they were very helpful in sending us their by-laws for our group to get some ideas and sort of patterned our by laws after theirs. So after we received the GMHVA papers, another meeting was called to elect the new officers, and board of directors and the name of this organization will be called "Commonwealth Health Center Volunteers Association," which was chartered on Sept. 26, 1986.

The main purpose of our organization is to act as good public relations for the hospital especially in fulfilling the needs of patients, which are served at the health center and to reach out to our community for help as we journey on our fundraising events because the health center will be needing all kinds of extra help. So in reality the hospital volunteers serves and will always stand ready to be the backbone of the hospital.

The volunteers suggested to the hospital administration that we needed to have a small gift shop which will be a continuous fundraiser in order to keep up with the request of our only government hospital serving its patients in the Marianas from Rota, Tinian, Saipan, and the Northern Islands so the hospital administration gave to the volunteers $2,000 as seed money and we started selling a few good things and cold drinks out of a couple of Coleman coolers filled with ice we got from the hospital cafeteria until we were able to get our first big cooler and still going even today. Thank you Lord for all your blessings to all the volunteers past and present who have devoted 100 percent of their time without compensation; serving from their heart, mind and soul along with their families so that others may enjoy the fruits of their labor.

The CHC Volunteers Association would not have accomplished its goals without the support of this great community starting with the smallest person to the big guy, all the people and family who have come and drop a few cents to few dollars in our CHC gift shop and all donations from clothes to pocket books which were sold by the gift shop given by so many families and individuals. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We want to thank and give appreciation to the entire business community who has supported this great organization and we will be remiss if we do not mention all the available media who made it possible in helping the volunteers to provide the right information to the general public in order that our goals will be made. The volunteers also would like to give a very special appreciation to our Northern Marianas government and staff for all their support to us in the past 25 years. It truly has been a joy and a blessing serving our patients and our community and may god continue to bless this wonderful and committed volunteers, we look forward for another 25 years.

Last but not least, the CHC Volunteers Association would like to let all our people in the Marianas know about our upcoming (annual Thanksgiving raffle baskets) which will take place in November and the volunteers will be selling the tickets out in our community and will also be available in the CHC Volunteers Association gift shop. We are planning a big and wonderful Thanksgiving raffle baskets and the prizes will include airline tickets to different destination. So please give your full support to the volunteers as our project will be to hopefully reach our goal in purchasing the great piece of equipment, better known as the hyperbaric chamber which will truly be beneficial to the patients at our hospital. Also, we never wish for any accidents for divers in our pacific water, specially our tourists who visit our beautiful islands in the Marianas, but should there be such accidents, this equipment will be so helpful. The cost is anywhere from $200,000 to $300,000.

We the CHC Volunteers would like to take this opportunity to give our utmost appreciation, gratitude, love, and respect to three outstanding individuals who are pioneers of this wonderful organization namely, Mrs. Amparo LG Tenorio, Mrs. Rita V. Tenorio, and Mrs. Rieko M. Guerrero who are still very active with our association. We also are grateful to our volunteers who are currently giving of their time, especially in manning our gift shop (which our main source of daily funds), these volunteers come from different nations but decided to be part of this worthy association. With this said perhaps you too would like to help out in one way or another; come visit us at the giftshop and let us know how you would like to help, whether it be through contribution of in-kind gifts for the annual Thanksgiving raffle; or cash donation; or your time as a "snack on wheels" or maybe regular hours at the gift shop. Every organization or association has someone who is responsible in ensuring the daily operation is taken care of, therefore we the association appreciates the efforts of our past presidents namely Mrs. Susana P. Schwarz and Mrs. Kim Prinz!

A great big thank you for taking the time to get to know our association in hopes that you will be kind enough to continue to help us in one way or another! May God continue to help the volunteers advance the good cause in the coming future.

Annie M. Benavente
CHC Volunteers Association

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Similarly, a self-petitioning surviving spouse, or a battered or abused spouse or child (but not parent) of an abusive U.S. citizen, can file an I-360 on a standalone basis, and wait until the I-360 is approved to file the remainder of the necessary green card documentation. These applicants should be eligible for parole in place on the same basis as other family-based green card applicants. (For abuse victims, because it is likely that all fees will be waived, and because the Form I-864 is not required for these applicants, we recommend filing the entire package, and not just the I-360.)

3. GREEN CARD APPLICANTS MAY HOLD CW VISAS WHILE THE GREEN CARD APPLICATION IS PENDING

One piece of good news is that USCIS considers the CW classification to be a "dual intent" status. That means that an applicant for the CW nonimmigrant visa may also intend to immigrate to the U.S., and therefore may apply to become a U.S. permanent resident while marking time with a CW visa, without penalty. Thus the CW joins the limited company of dual intent visas: H-1B, L-1A and L-1B (and, to a limited extent, E-1 and E-2).

4. LIMITATION ON TRAVEL FOR CW CLASSIFICATION

On the other hand, one of the more disturbing things that we learned this week is that persons with CW status or visa will not be able to travel to Guam or the rest of the United States. Although many aliens residing in the CNMI have been able to use B1/B2 visas to enter the United States from a foreign port, they will no longer be able to do so after they obtain CW status visa. In fact, if they attempt to use their B1/B2, that visa will be cancelled. It appears that because B1/B2 and CW are both non-immigrant visas, they are inconsistent; a person can hold only one non-immigrant visa at a time. Parole is likewise not available because the grant of a CW permit is an admission into the United States and parole is only available to those who have not been admitted. Therefore, businesspeople who are accustomed to travel back and forth between CNMI and Guam, or CNMI and the mainland U.S., will need to seriously consider whether they might qualify for a visa classification other than CW that allows them to travel to the rest of the USA.

4. ISSUES THAT REMAIN IN NEED OF CLARIFICATION/ RESOLUTION

We have not been able to get clear or satisfactory answers to the following:

■ What happens to aliens who have employment based visa applications pending on Nov. 28, 2011? This applies to H-1B, H-2, L-1, E-1, E-2, R-1 and E-2C (non-immigrant visas) and EB-1, EB-2, EB-3, EB-4, EB-5 and religious (immigrant visas). We have been told that they must stop working and also that there will be no parole in place available to them. Will they have to exit and await their visa in their home country? Will they accumulate "bad time" if they stay and be subject to various bars if they overstay? Will they become removable? At this time the answer to these questions is "yes." We hope that an accommodation can be fashioned that is less harsh.

■ What happens to alien parents of U.S. citizen children under the age of 21? Short of Congressman Kilili's pending bill in U.S. Congress, HR 1466, there appears to be no relief for this group. If the parents are employed, their employer can petition for CW-1; if one parent is working and the other one is not, the non-working parent is eligible for CW-2 status. If the parents are unemployed, no CW is available. If the parents are not legally married, CW-2 is not available for the non-working spouse; common law marriages are not recognized under U.S. immigration law. Again, we continue to urge USCIS that these parents be granted parole in place so that families will not be disrupted.

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Hundreds take part in Preparedness Expo

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Hundreds of community members flocked to the Civic Center basketball court in Susupe for the CNMI Preparedness Expo on Sept. 24.

The CNMI Preparedness Expo, which culminated the National Preparedness Month celebration, saw some 14 participating agencies and groups that featured various games and activities, an array of giveaways, and free blood sugar and blood pressure screenings.

The event was hosted by radio station KKMP which broadcasted it live from 8am to 2pm.

Marvin K. Seman, special assistant for homeland security under the Office of the Governor, said the CNMI Preparedness Expo aims to promote awareness, readiness, and preparedness in the community for any disasters or events such as tsunami and acts of terrorism.

"The No. 1 thing is to communicate and to have a plan. It goes both ways. Without a plan and you don't communicate with your families, friends, neighborhood, community, it would be tough to understand what's going on," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Seman said the event had a "very good" turnout as they were already serving about 300 people during the first few hours. "We thank the community for coming out," he added.

Seman encouraged the public to avail of the Community Emergency Response Team or CERT program offered for free by the Office of Homeland Security about once or twice a month.

CERT involves some 20 hours of training that provides critical skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property.

Seman emphasized that first responders are actually ourselves. "We're the ones right there… If you know what to do to help support a life by going to this training, it would mean a lot to that person," said Seman, adding that he himself had gone through the training and used it a few times.

K-9 demonstration

Saturday's event also featured a live demonstration from the Commonwealth Ports Authority Elite K-9 Unit.

Officer 2 Jesse Castro, Officer 2 Byron Kaipat, and Sgt. Mark Toves handled K-9 dogs Mandy, Lobster, and Rifka as they determined which luggage contained the black powder used for bullets and explosives.

Toves, in an interview, said they brought home the three 4-year old K-9 dogs, priced at $50,000 each, from a 10-week training in the U.S. back in 2008.

Toves said all three K-9 dogs and the CNMI group topped the training that also had other police teams from different parts of the nation competing, including the neighboring island of Guam.

"We were rookies and we came out on top so it was a great thing for the CNMI," Toves added.

Also among the event attendees were Public Safety Commissioner Ray Mafnas and acting governor Eloy S. Inos, who said that the expo is part of the government's public education campaign.

"It creates community awareness of the many things that we have and/or what we should do in the event of emergencies and so forth," said Inos, adding that he is pleased with the turnout that saw many students who enjoyed and learned at the same time.

Coke's 'Summer of Surprises' promo yields prizes for sharing happiness

Coca-Cola marks 125 Years of Summer with the message of sharing happiness and refreshment whenever and wherever people celebrate with family and friends. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, from the beach party to the backyard barbecue, from the crowded ballgame to the cramped tailgate, devoted Coca-Cola drinkers have always included their favorite drink, as they enjoy fun times under the sun.

In keeping with the worldwide celebration of Coca-Cola's 125 Years of Summer, Coca-Cola Beverage Company Micronesia, Inc. held the "Summer of Surprises" raffle promotion all summer long. Prizes consisted of limited collector series of iconic Coca-Cola summer memorabilia including tents, patio umbrellas, coolers, baseballs, camp chairs, barbecue grill sets, T-shirts, among others.

At the awards ceremony held recently at the Transpacific Business Center, the winners said that they could not believe they won.

Arlene A. Bercero, a Dandan resident and one of the winners of the three top prizes, the Beach Party Package, said that she did not expect to win. "We bought five cases of soda for our office party and we didn't expect to win because we submitted our entries at the last minute," Bercero said.

A sales representative at Westco, Bercero said that she regularly bought Coca-Cola products for office parties and for family gatherings.

Michael C. Villacrusis, a resident of China Town and a computer specialist at the CNMI Supreme Court, said, "I was very surprised when I got a call because I didn't immediately recall that I joined the raffle. Then I remembered that I put in one or two raffle entries."

He added that he already used his Beach Party Package. "I brought my prizes to the beach and had a good time with friends," Villacrusis said.

Completing the three winners of the Beach Party Package was Navy Hill resident and homemaker, Ignatia C. Aldan. "I'm very happy and excited about my prizes. My family and I are planning on going to the beach and having a barbecue," Aldan said.

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First-time winner James Nelson, general manager of Docomo Pacific, says this of his major prize win, "This is the way to win: Win big."

The Beach Party Package consisted of an event tent, a patio umbrella, a travel grill, a steel ice chest, a wheeled cooler, three baseballs, three each of medium, and large ringer tees and two camp chairs.

Another winner was pleasantly surprised at the enormity of the collector series that he won.

"If you're going to win, this is the way to go: Win big," said James Nelson, general manager of Docomo Pacific, when he won one of two Grill & Chill packages in Coca-Cola's Summer of Surprises promo.

Unmindful that his winnings were second to the top prize, Nelson was excited at winning for the first time. "I've never won anything before. This is my first time to win," said Nelson, who could not quite believe his good luck when he was notified that he won.

Joe Suico, a Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan staff and Garapan resident, was the other winner of the Grill & Chill Party Package.

A first-time winner, Suico said that he would send home his prizes to the Philippines. "I'm very happy with my prizes. This is my first time to win and this is very memorable to me."

Suico said that he was reluctant to join the raffle. "The truth is I only had one entry and I joined because the cashier persuaded me to put my entry in the drop box. She said that I might win. And I did. So this prize must really be meant for me."

The Grill & Chill Party Package was composed of a travel grill, a steel ice chest, a patio umbrella, a wheeled cooler, three baseballs, two camp chairs, and three each of medium and large ringer tees.

The five winners of the Tailgate Party Package were Nuna Macaranas, a resident of China Town; Suzanne Lizama, Koblerville; Imelda M. Santos, Fina Sisu; Rowena D. Java, Chalan Laulau; and Jenypy Sambile, As Perdido.

Each Tailgate Party Package contained a barbecue gift set, three each of medium and large ringer tees, three baseballs, two camp chairs and a wheeled cooler.

In the weeks leading up to the grand raffle drawing, Coca-Cola gave away instant prizes through the "Get Caught Red Handed" giveaway. Consumers who were "caught" drinking any Coca-Cola product at their favorite restaurant or checking out any Coca-Cola beverage at participating stores or supermarkets received a free Coca-Cola collector's item.

Glen Hunter, group business manager, Coca-Cola Beverage Company Micronesia said, "The "Summer of Surprises" promo is one of many ways we say 'thank you' to the people who made Coca-Cola's 125 Years of Summer possible." ***(PR)***

Ports Police staff arrested for alleged domestic violence

A Ports Police staff was arrested for allegedly beating up his girlfriend and tried to hit her with a folding beach chair during their argument at her house in Navy Hill on Wednesday night.

Peter Eugene Borja, 36, was arrested for assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and criminal mischief.

The victim complained of pain in the middle of her back and neck.

At Friday's hearing, Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman imposed a $150 cash bail for Borja's temporary release.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that investigation showed that Borja started drinking at 8am and went to sleep with his girlfriend at 6:30pm.

At 7pm the girlfriend tried to wake up Borja as his mother was calling him on his cellphone. The defendant refused to wake up. Later Borja's phone rang again and when the girlfriend answered no one spoke.

The girlfriend recognized the phone number as of Borja's former girlfriend.

The girlfriend confronted Borja about the ex-girlfriend, triggering their argument. She then told him to leave her house.

As the girlfriend was walking out from the bedroom, Borja allegedly choked her and told her he was not cheating on her.

The girlfriend called the police using Borja's cellphone. He then went upstairs and banged the bedroom of his girlfriend's two daughters. The daughters cried.

The defendant grabbed a folding beach chair and allegedly swung it at her but she was not hit. The folding chair instead smashed a hole in the bedroom's window.

As Borja was backing out his car to leave he went down and walked toward his girlfriend, who was outside waiting for the police, and allegedly punched her in the back.

Police officers arrived and arrested Borja. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

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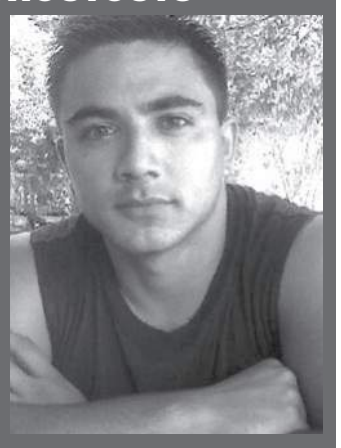
Happy birthday to Ms. Daisy Villagomez-Bier, one of the most strong-willed, relentless, fierce, caring, compassionate, courageous individuals I know. Today is your day and may you be spoiled and pampered like the queen that you are! Miss and love you bunches–your kiridu, Charisma



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Happy birthday to Pasqual DLGuerrero who celebrates his birthday today, Sept. 26. Cheers to you and another year! May all your birthday dreams and wishes come true, and may you be blessed with many more birthdays to come. Coming out from all your friends and family.

Business

UBS CEO Gruebel resigns over rogue trading loss

GENEVA (AP)—UBS chief executive Oswald Gruebel has resigned over a $2.3 billion loss caused by rogue trading at its investment division, which is to be restructured now to prevent similar incidents in future, the Swiss bank said Saturday.

Gruebel, who had come under heavy pressure from shareholders over the scandal, said he hoped his resignation would allow the bank to restore its reputation in the eyes of clients and investors.

Gruebel

"As CEO, I bear full responsibility for what occurs at UBS," he said in a memo to staff. "From my first day on the job I placed the reputation of the bank above all else. That is why I want to and must act according to my convictions."

UBS Europe chief Sergio P. Ermotti will take over immediately as interim chief executive until Gruebel's replacement is appointed. Gruebel's departure caps 10 days of speculation over his future following the bank's announcement that a single London-based trader had evaded internal control systems and gambled away $2.3 billion.

The trader, 31-year-old Kweku Adoboli, was arrested Sept. 15 and charged with fraud and false accounting. A judge ordered him Thursday to be held in jail until a hearing next month.

The rogue trading loss is the third major scandal to hit Switzerland's biggest bank in recent years, and the second to come out of its investment unit. During the financial crisis, UBS was one of the European banks worst hit by failed investments in the subprime mortgage market. A year later, it became embroiled in an embarrassing U.S. tax evasion case.

UBS President Kaspar Villiger told reporters the board had tried to persuade Gruebel to stay until the bank's annual shareholder meeting next year, but the gravel-voiced German had wanted to send a strong signal about the trading loss immediately.

"He thinks that this act could maybe create a new basis for UBS to continue," said Villiger, who earlier noted that UBS wants to "turn this disaster into an opportunity."

Speculation has already begun over who is to succeed the 67-year-old Gruebel. Ermotti, a Swiss citizen who joined UBS from Italy's UniCredit, is considered a front-runner.

"Sergio is, of course, a strong candidate," said Villiger. He mentioned no other names.

Villiger said Gruebel, who was brought in more than two years ago to help revive the fortunes of the Zurich-based bank, had achieved "an impressive turnaround and strengthened UBS fundamentally."

Small dent in jobless rate seen from Obama's plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Even if Congress heeds President Barack Obama's demands to "pass this bill right away" and enacts his jobs and tax plan in its entirety, the unemployment rate probably still would hover in nosebleed territory for at least three more years.

Why? Because the 1.9 million new jobs the White House says the bill would produce in 2012 falls short of what's needed to put the economy back on track to return to pre-recession jobless levels of under 6 percent, from today's rate of 9.1 percent.

That's how deep the jobs hole is. The persistent weakness of the U.S. economy has left 14 million people unemployed and more than 25 million unable to find full-time work.

Economists of all stripes pretty much agree that it will be a long, hard road no matter what Congress does. Right now, the Republicans who run the House and the Democrats who lead the Senate aren't finding much common ground.

Obama estimates his American Jobs Act would lower unemployment by just a single percentage point by next year, to just over 8 percent, heading into the 2012 presidential election.

Burned before by making overly optimistic job-creation predictions, the White House turned to prominent outside economists to crunch the numbers.

The projection of 1.9 million new jobs, a 1 percentage point drop in the unemployment rate and a 2 percentage point increase in the gross domestic product under Obama's plan came from Mark Zandi, chief economist of Moody's Analytics.

But Zandi said in an interview his forecast also is based on an assumption that "the president's entire package is passed by the end of the year," a slim prospect given the current divided leadership in Congress, and that there are no other budgetary policy changes.

"I assumed that it would be paid for," Zandi said. "I didn't know when I did that simulation how the president proposed to pay for it."

Since then, Obama has said he would pay for his $447 billion package with permanent income tax increases of about $150 billion a year, mostly on wealthy individuals and corporations, in addition to spending cuts. That's drawn criticism from Republicans, who say any tax increases could further stall the fragile recovery.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

IMF says global economy entering dangerous phase

WASHINGTON (AP)—Top global finance officials are pledging to work decisively and in a coordinated way to deal with a European debt crisis and other dangers confronting the global economy. The International Monetary Fund's policy-setting committee says the economy has entered a dangerous new phase. The panel says close watching of the situation and a willingness to take bold actions quickly are crucial. Officials say they're encouraged by the willingness of the 17 nations that share the euro currency to do what's needed to resolve Europe's debt crisis.

Japan finds radiation in rice, more tests planned

TOKYO (AP)—Japan is ordering more tests on rice growing near a crippled nuclear plant after finding elevated levels of radiation, government officials said Saturday. A sample of unharvested rice contained 500 becquerels of cesium per kilogram, they said. Radioactive cesium was spewed from the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant after it was damaged by a massive earthquake and tsunami on March 11. Under Japanese regulations, rice with up to 500 becquerels of cesium per kilogram is considered safe for consumption.

Calif. bars rejoice: infused alcohol ban lifted

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—In this city famous for food and drink experimentation, so-called "craft" bartenders have fought for three years to overturn a Prohibition-era state law that banned bars from infusing flavors into alcohol. Bartenders, worry no longer. On Wednesday, Gov. Jerry Brown signed a law repealing the ban on imbuing alcohol in bars and restaurants with fresh flavors. The antiquated law was forgotten until 2008, when the state Department of Alcohol Beverage Control—after noticing an increasing number of Bay Area bars infusing booze with their own flavors—issued an advisory telling its licensees that "rectification" of distilled spirits at their businesses was illegal.

Nation

Obama tells blacks to 'stop complainin' and fight

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a fiery summons to an important voting bloc, President Barack Obama told blacks on Saturday to quit crying and complaining and "put on your marching shoes" to follow him into battle for jobs and opportunity.

And though he didn't say it directly, for a second term, too.

Obama's speech to the annual awards dinner of the Congressional Black Caucus was his answer to increasingly vocal griping from black leaders that he's been giving away too much in talks with Republicans -- and not doing enough to fight black unemployment, which is nearly double the national average at 16.7 percent.

"It gets folks discouraged. I know. I listen to some of y'all," Obama told an audience of some 3,000 in a darkened Washington convention center.

But he said blacks need to have faith in the future -- and understand that the fight won't be won if they don't rally to his side.

"I need your help," Obama said.

The president will need black turnout to match its historic 2008 levels if he's to have a shot at winning a second term, and Saturday's speech was a chance to speak directly to inner-city concerns.

He acknowledged blacks have suffered mightily because of the recession, and are frustrated that the downturn is taking so long to reverse. "So many people are still hurting. So many people are barely hanging on," he said, then added: "And so many people in this city are fighting us every step of the way."

But Obama said blacks know all too well from the civil rights struggle that the fight for what is right is never easy.

"Take off your bedroom slippers. Put on your marching shoes," he said, his voice rising as applause and cheers mounted. "Shake it off. Stop complainin'. Stop grumblin'. Stop cryin'. We are going to press on. We have work to do."

Topping the to-do list, he said, is getting Congress to the pass jobs bill he sent to Capitol Hill two weeks ago.

Satellite likely in ocean, but may have hit US

WASHINGTON (AP)—It's as big as a bus and weighs 6 tons, but officials probably will never be able to pinpoint exactly where a massive NASA satellite plummeted to Earth.

NASA space junk scientists believe that all—or nearly all—of the parts of their 20-year-old dead satellite safely plunged into the Pacific Ocean, likely missing land. But if their estimates are off, by only five minutes or so, fiery pieces could have fallen on parts of northwestern North America.

No injuries or damage have been reported on land, which NASA officials said was a good indication the satellite went into the ocean.

That doesn't necessarily mean it all fell into the sea. Some debris could have fallen over areas such as Portland, Ore.; Seattle; Calgary, Alberta; and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, said Jonathan McDowell of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

"Pieces are falling off of this flaming fire ball, and some of it has enough momentum to go hundreds of miles," he said.

Speculation was rampant on sites such as Twitter. There were no credible reports of debris on the ground, said Nick Johnson, NASA's chief scientist for orbital debris. But if the satellite fell even five minutes later than estimated, some of it could have hit land, he said.

"We don't know where the re-entry point exactly was. We don't exactly know where the debris field is," Johnson said.

NASA's earlier calculations had predicted that the former climate research satellite would fall over a 500-mile swath and could include land. Officials said the 35-foot satellite fell sometime between 11:23 p.m. EDT Friday and 1:09 a.m. EDT Saturday.

Much of the speculation focused on unconfirmed reports and even video of debris from the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite over Alberta, Canada.

NASA spokesman Steve Cole said that was possible because the last track for the satellite included Canada, starting north of Seattle and then in a large arc north then south. From there, the track continued through the Atlantic south toward Africa, but it was unlikely the satellite got that far if it started falling over the Pacific.

Some 26 pieces of the satellite representing 1,200 pounds of heavy metal had been expected to rain down somewhere. The biggest surviving chunk should be no more than 300 pounds.

Clark's descendants replace stolen tribal canoe

LONG BEACH, Wash. (AP)—It was a long time coming, but the descendants of explorer William Clark have tried to make amends for a 205-year-old theft.

A descendant of the explorer in the Corps of Discovery expedition that opened a land route to the West presented the Chinook Indian Nation with a replica of a canoe that the corps stole in 1806.

Some of Clark's descendants and a few donors stepped forward to pay for the canoe, which was custom built in Veneta, Ore. The five-hour ceremony on Saturday included songs, gift exchanges and the maiden voyage of the replica canoe.

Ray Gardner, chairman of the Chinook Nation's tribal council, said the return of the canoe is a "good place to begin healing."

"It's nice to see a circle completed," Gardner said.

After completing their journey west and spending a wet and wretched winter at the mouth of the Columbia River in 1806, Clark and Meriwether Lewis found they were short a canoe, so they stole one from the Clatsop Indians who had kept them alive all winter.

The Clatsop later became one of five tribes to form the Chinook Indian Nation.

It has long been a sore subject with the tribes in the Pacific Northwest, who perceived the theft as a major insult. Canoes were a sacred part of their culture and an important mode of transportation.

The Chinook Indian Nation is not formally recognized by the U.S. government. Federal recognition would make the tribe eligible for economic assistance, land, housing grants and other government benefits.

"I cannot help but think, if one family can step forward and right a wrong that has been committed against the Chinook nation 205 years later," Gardner said, "it would be nice if the federal government would do the same."

Clark's descendant, Lotsie Clark Holton, said she was overwhelmed by the acceptance of her family by Chinook tribe members.

Holton learned of the theft while working at a Washington, D.C., nonprofit with Gardner, setting Saturday's events in motion.

"It's been a wonderful experience. The Chinook people totally accepted us," Holton said. "After 205 years, it was certainly overdue."

Asia

Taiwan VP: President wants China political talks

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwan's president will open political talks with China if he is re-elected to a second term, a U.S. diplomatic cable released by WikiLeaks cites Taiwan's vice president as saying.

Vincent Siew's June 2009 statement to then de facto American ambassador Stephen Young is the clearest indication so far by a senior official that President Ma Ying-jeou would expand on existing economic talks if he is re-elected in January.

The issue is a sensitive one decades after Taiwan and China split amid civil war in 1949. China still claims Taiwan as its own and threatens the use of force if Taipei delays unification indefinitely.

Since the Nationalist Party's Ma took office in May 2008, he has significantly improved ties with China by facilitating several trade agreements.

Public opinion polls give Ma a small lead over Democratic Progressive Party candidate Tsai Ing-wen in the January 14 elections. Tsai and her party say Ma is moving too far and too fast in his bid to improve relations with China, threatening Taiwan's de facto independence in the process.

For his part, Ma says the DPP nominee lacks a coherent policy for dealing with Beijing.

The WikiLeaks cable, dated June 30, 2009, quoted Siew as saying that political talks during a possible Ma second term would address key issues including "a peace treaty, a formal end to hostilities, and development of bilateral military confidence mechanisms" with China.

In the past, Ma has conditioned the opening of political discussions with Beijing on China's removal of the estimated 1,300 missiles it has aimed at Taiwanese targets. However, there was no mention of this condition in the cable.

In public statements, Ma has usually been vague on the China political talks issue, saying that until more progress is made on economic questions—the centerpiece of his 3 1/2 year administration—there was no need to consider the political side.

However, he has acknowledged in private conversations that China might be forcing his hand.

In a separate WikiLeaks cable dated Dec. 15, 2009, he told a senior U.S. defense official that activities by China's People's Liberation Army could convince the island to enter into political talks with Beijing.

14 killed as Filipino troops clash with militants

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Suspected Muslim militants attacked government troops guarding a school construction site in a rebel stronghold in the southern Philippines on Sunday, igniting a clash that killed 12 gunmen and two soldiers, a marine commander said.

About 50 gunmen attacked a marine detachment in hilly Talipao town in Sulu province at dawn, setting off two hours of fierce fighting that killed 12 suspected militants and two soldiers, marine commander Col. Romeo Tanalgo said. Six other military personnel were wounded before the gunmen split and withdrew into the forest, he said.

It was not immediately clear if the attackers belonged to the notoriously violent Abu Sayyaf, an al-Qaida-linked group regarded as a terrorist organization by the U.S. and the Philippines. A larger Islamic rebel group, the Moro National Liberation Front, has a presence in the impoverished, far-flung community.

Government troops recovered seven rebel firearms at the scene of the fighting and were checking if there were more bodies of slain gunmen in the area. Reinforcement troops were pursuing the fleeting militants, Tanalgo said.

Washington has blacklisted the Abu Sayyaf as a terrorist organization, blaming it for many bomb attacks, kidnappings for ransom and beheadings. The militants have attacked and killed American citizens in the past.

The Moro National Liberation Front signed a peace accord with the government in 1996 after it dropped its secessionist bid and settled for limited Muslim autonomy in the south, homeland of minority Muslims in the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines.

Most of the Moro rebels, however, did not lay down their arms and now complain that the Philippine government reneged on many political and economic promises under the 1996 pact. They have occasionally been blamed for launching attacks against government forces and have been suspected of harboring Abu Sayyaf militants in Sulu, about 610 miles (980 kilometers) south of the capital, Manila.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Top Pakistan army commanders meet after US claims

ISLAMABAD (AP)—The Pakistan army says its chief will convene a special meeting of senior commanders following U.S. allegations that the country's top spy agency has helped militants attack targets in Afghanistan. The army statement says Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani will hold the meeting on Sunday. Kayani is considered the most powerful man in Pakistan. He has dismissed the U.S. allegations, saying the charges were baseless and part of a public "blame game" detrimental to peace in Afghanistan.

Plane with 19 people on board crashes in Nepal

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—A plane carrying tourists to view Mount Everest crashed while attempting to land in dense fog in Nepal on Sunday, police and eyewitnesses said. A witness said 18 bodies were pulled out of the wreckage of the plane, which was carrying 19 people. The Beechcraft-made plane belonging to Buddha Air was carrying 16 foreign tourists and three crew members and crashed in Bisankunarayan village, just a few miles (kilometers) south of the capital, Katmandu. Police officials said rescuers had reached the crash site, but would not comment on casualties.

Gunmen ambush, kill German tourist in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Gunmen ambushed and killed a German tourist and an Afghan man on Saturday in a relatively stable area of central Afghanistan, police said. The German man was riding in a vehicle with three Afghans when they were stopped late in the afternoon by two armed gunmen on a motorbike in Dawlat Yar district, said deputy provincial police chief Abdul Rashid Bashir. After an argument, the gunmen fatally shot the German and one of the Afghan men. The two other Afghan civilians were wounded in the attack. Bashir said the German man had traveled from Herat province in the west and was heading to Bamiyan province.

Dalai Lama: will spell out reincarnation details

DHARMSALA, India (AP)—The Dalai Lama said Saturday if he is to be reincarnated he will leave clear written instructions about the process, but that the matter is unlikely to come up for a number of years. The Tibetan spiritual leader said in a statement that when he is "about 90" he will consult Buddhist scholars to evaluate whether the institution of the Dalai Lama should continue at all. He is 76. The statement came after a meeting between the Dalai Lama and the leaders of the four Tibetan Buddhist sects, the first since he transferred his political role earlier this year to an elected prime minister.

World

Putin to run for Russian presidency in 2012

MOSCOW (AP)—Vladimir Putin's decision to reclaim the presidency next year sets up the possibility that he could rule Russia until 2024 and foreshadows a continuation of the strongman rule that many in the West have called a retreat from democracy.

Although Putin departed the Kremlin in 2008 due to term limits and moved about two kilometers (1.5 miles) down the road to the prime minister's office, in a sense he never left at all. He cannily used Russia's state-controlled national TV channels to remain the country's pre-eminent political figure, with appearances portraying himself as a bold adventurer in Russia's wilderness, a vigorous advocate of the country's global importance and, occasionally, as a bit of a rogue consorting with scruffy motorcyclists.

His hand-picked successor as president, Dmitry Medvedev, appeared as little more than a tame youngster in comparison—enthusing about Twitter and issuing earnest statements about the need for reforms, but achieving few tangible results.

AP

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin speaking at a United Russia party congress in Moscow, Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011.

"He didn't do anything important, and I'm pretty sure they didn't let him do anything," said Vyachelsav Mazurkov, who was spending a cool fall afternoon in a Moscow park soon after the congress of Russia's dominant political party approved Putin's candidacy. Although Medvedev had shown flashes of independence, particularly in denouncing the corruption that flourished during Putin's presidency, he was seen by many as simply a placeholder while Putin bided his time until he could legally return.

If he wins the March 4 election—a near-certainty given his popularity and mastery of Russia's political system—Putin will return to a presidency even more powerful than when he left. In 2012, the presidential term will be extended to six years from four; he would be eligible to serve two terms and just a few weeks shy of turning 59, the avid martial-arts fan's health appears robust.

In nominating Putin, his United Russia party also approved his proposal that Medvedev take over Putin's current role as prime minister, the No. 2 government position.

Putin's return to the presidency would be unlikely to ease Russia's dispute with the United States over the building of a European missile-defense system and other issues. Economic pressures, however, could push Putin to pursue reforms aimed at attracting more foreign investment, analysts said.

Libyan forces fight for Gadhafi's hometown Sirte

SIRTE, Libya (AP)—With NATO jets roaring overhead, revolutionary forces fought their way into Moammar Gadhafi's hometown Saturday in the first significant push into the stubborn stronghold in about a week.

Libya's new leaders also tried to move on the political front, promising to announce in the coming week a new interim government that it hopes will help unite the country. However, disagreements remain about what the Cabinet should look like.

The National Transitional Council led the rebellion that forced Gadhafi into hiding and has taken over the leadership of the oil-rich North African nation even as it continues to fight forces still loyal to the fugitive leader.

The NTC-appointed prime minister, Mahmoud Jibril, sought support from leaders at the United Nations on Saturday, telling them that "a new Libya is coming to life" as a nation committed to democracy, equality and reintegration into the international community. He said the council was committed to drafting a constitution that would be put to the Libyans for a referendum.

More than a month after seizing Tripoli and effectively ending Gadhafi's rule, revolutionary forces have been unable to rout well-armed Gadhafi loyalists from strongholds in his hometown of Sirte, Bani Walid and some southern enclaves. Taking the cities is key for Libya's new leaders to extend their control over the large desert nation.

Explosions rocked Sirte throughout the day as fighters pushing in on four roads came under heavy fire from loyalist snipers and artillery guns. Along the city's main thoroughfare, they faced close-range gunfights with loyalists hiding in apartment buildings and throwing hand grenades at them from windows.

Moftah Mohammed, 28, said snipers shot two of his friends as they advanced to fire a rocket-propelled grenade on a loyalist truck. When others approached to help the wounded, Gadhafi supporters opened fire and hurled hand grenades, injuring two more.

By evening, however, the fighters had pushed east along the city's main thoroughfare into its urban center, overrunning a TV station and pushing loyalists farther back.

WORLD BRIEFS

2 Americans released from Iranian prison head home

MUSCAT, Oman (AP)—Two Americans freed from an Iranian prison told reporters Saturday they were "eager to go home" just before boarding their flight to the U.S. from Oman, the Gulf state that helped mediate their release after more than two years in custody on accusations of spying. Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer were scheduled to arrive home on Sunday, according to Samantha Topping, a spokeswoman for their families. The two were released from Tehran's Evin prison under a $1 million bail deal and arrived in Oman on Wednesday in the first leg of their journey home. There they were reunited with joyful relatives. Iran's Foreign Ministry called their release a gesture of Islamic mercy.

Woman decapitated in Mexico for web posting

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Police found a woman's decapitated body in a Mexican border city on Saturday, alongside a handwritten sign saying she was killed in retaliation for her postings on a social networking site. The gruesome killing may be the third so far this month in which people in Nuevo Laredo were killed by a drug cartel for what they said on the internet. Morelos Canseco, the interior secretary of northern Tamaulipas state, where Nuevo Laredo is located, identified the victim as Marisol Macias Castaneda, a newsroom manager for the Nuevo Laredo newspaper Primera Hora.

Health & Fitness

Study: Dialysis 3 times weekly might not be enough

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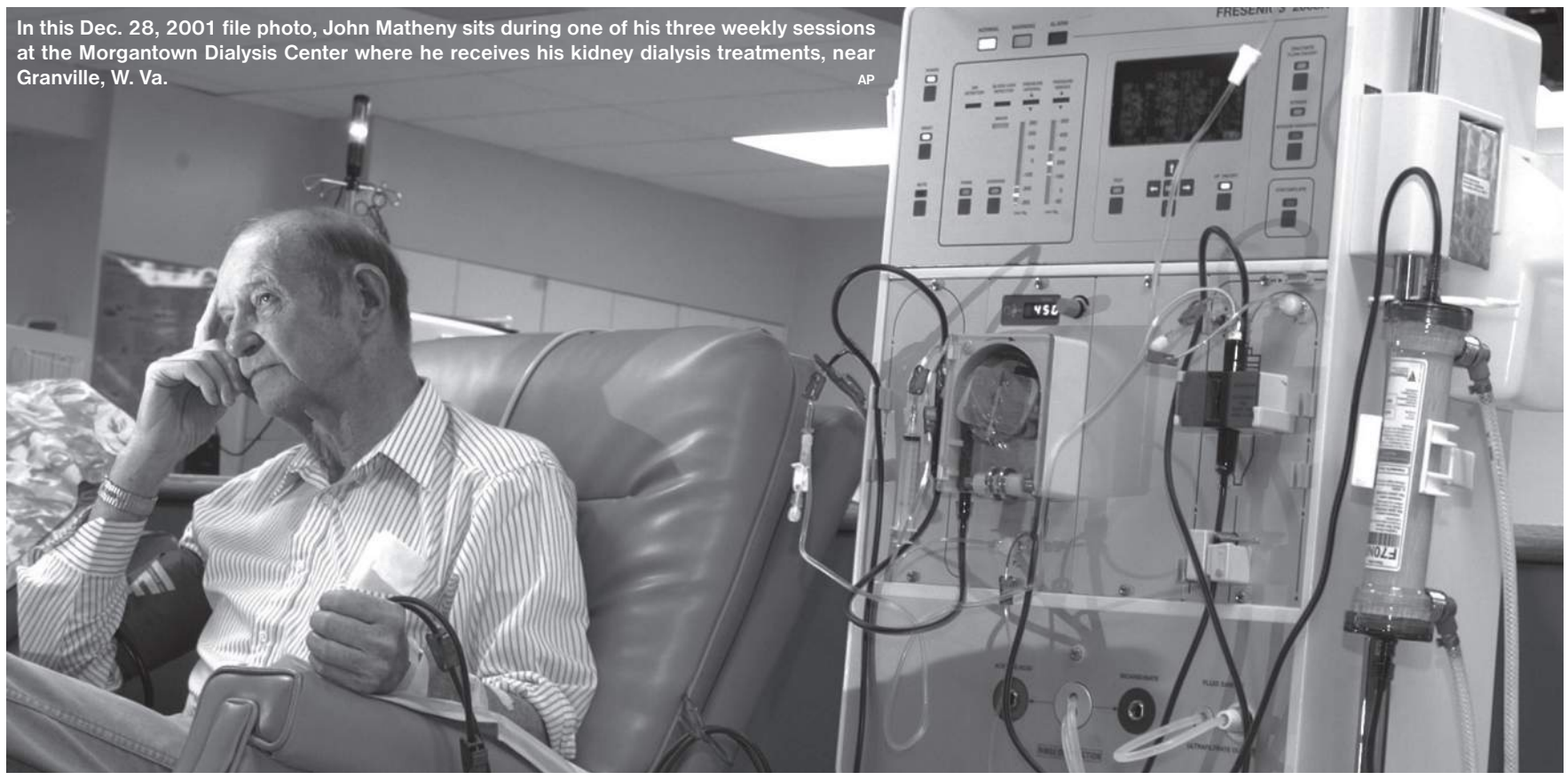

In this Dec. 28, 2001 file photo, John Matheny sits during one of his three weekly sessions at the Morgantown Dialysis Center where he receives his kidney dialysis treatments, near Granville, W. Va. AP

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A major study challenges the way diabetics and others with failing kidneys have been treated for half a century, finding that three-times-a-week dialysis to cleanse the blood of toxins may not be enough.

Deaths, heart attacks and hospitalizations were much higher on the day after the two-day interval between treatments each week than at other times, the federally funded study found.

The president of the National Kidney Foundation said she was "very troubled" by the results published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

"We could be doing a better job for our dialysis patients" and that might mean doing it more often, said Dr. Lynda Szczech, a Duke University kidney specialist who had no role in the study.

Kidneys rid the body of waste and fluids. Most of the 400,000 Americans with failing kidneys stay alive by getting their blood purified by a machine three days a week at dialysis clinics—usually on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. In both cases, there's a two-day break between the last session of the week and the next one.

The three-day dialysis schedule has been around since the mid-1960s and gives patients a weekend break from the grueling hours of being hooked up to a machine.

However, doctors have suspected that the two-day hiatus between treatments was risky, and smaller studies have found more heart-related deaths on the day after the gap.

"All the fluids and toxins are built up to the highest extent on Monday morning right before dialysis," said Dr. Anthony Bleyer of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in North Carolina, who has done similar studies.

The latest research, funded by the National Institutes of Health, is the largest yet. It was done by Dr. Robert Foley of the University of Minnesota and colleagues. All reported receiving fees from dialysis clinics and suppliers.

The team analyzed medical records of 32,000 people who had in-center dialysis three times a week from 2005 through 2008. The average age was 62 and a quarter had been on dialysis for a year or less. After about two years of follow-up, 41 percent had died, including 17 percent from heart-related causes.

Monday was the riskiest day for people on a Monday-Wednesday-Friday schedule. For those on a Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday schedule, the riskiest day was Tuesday.

Researchers found a 22 percent higher risk of death on the day after a long break compared with other days of the week. Put another way: For every 100 people on dialysis for a year, 22 would die on the day after the long interval versus 18 on other days.

Hospital admissions for stroke and heart-related problems more than doubled on the day after a long break than on other days—44 versus 20 for every 100 people treated.

Fixing this problem, however, could be daunting for patients, busy dialysis centers and insurers and it would require a rethinking of how dialysis is currently delivered.

Medicare covers the cost of dialysis, regardless of age, spending about $77,000 annually per person. It covers thrice-weekly treatment, but people can get a fourth session if needed.

Dr. Paul Eggers of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases said adjusting how dialysis is done "would require some fairly convincing evidence. I'm not sure this one study would be sufficient to change" standard practice.

Kidney expert Dr. Eli Friedman of SUNY Downstate Medical Center in New York, said he's in favor of every-other-day dialysis or even daily dialysis. But it would mean "a multibillion dollar change," said Friedman, who launched the country's first federally funded dialysis center.

A clinic operator said increasing treatments would require additional staff. And patients also would have to be willing to come in more often.

"They don't even like coming in three times a week. It's completely understandable. It's not fun," said Dr. Allen Nissenson, chief medical officer at DaVita, which runs more than 1,600 clinics around the country.

There has been recent interest in more frequent dialysis after studies hinted that it made people feel healthier.

This year, Medicare started giving clinics a financial incentive to teach patients to do dialysis at home, allowing them to cleanse their blood more often. But this option is not for everyone. It requires intense training and patients need a helper at home.

Unless rules change, Wake Forest's Bleyer said people can take simple steps to reduce their risk by not drinking too much fluid between long dialysis breaks and eating a healthy diet.

"Patients must be a little more careful on the weekend than on other days of the week," he said.

Carol Thomas, who has been on dialysis since 2007, watches her water intake especially on weekends and avoids dairy, beans and nuts, which are high in certain nutrients that can cause complications.

Thomas, of Sacramento, Calif., said home dialysis is not an option because she doesn't have someone to help her. Would she make the trip for dialysis more often if given the choice?

"It's an inconvenience, but probably if it meant lengthening my life," the 69-year-old said.

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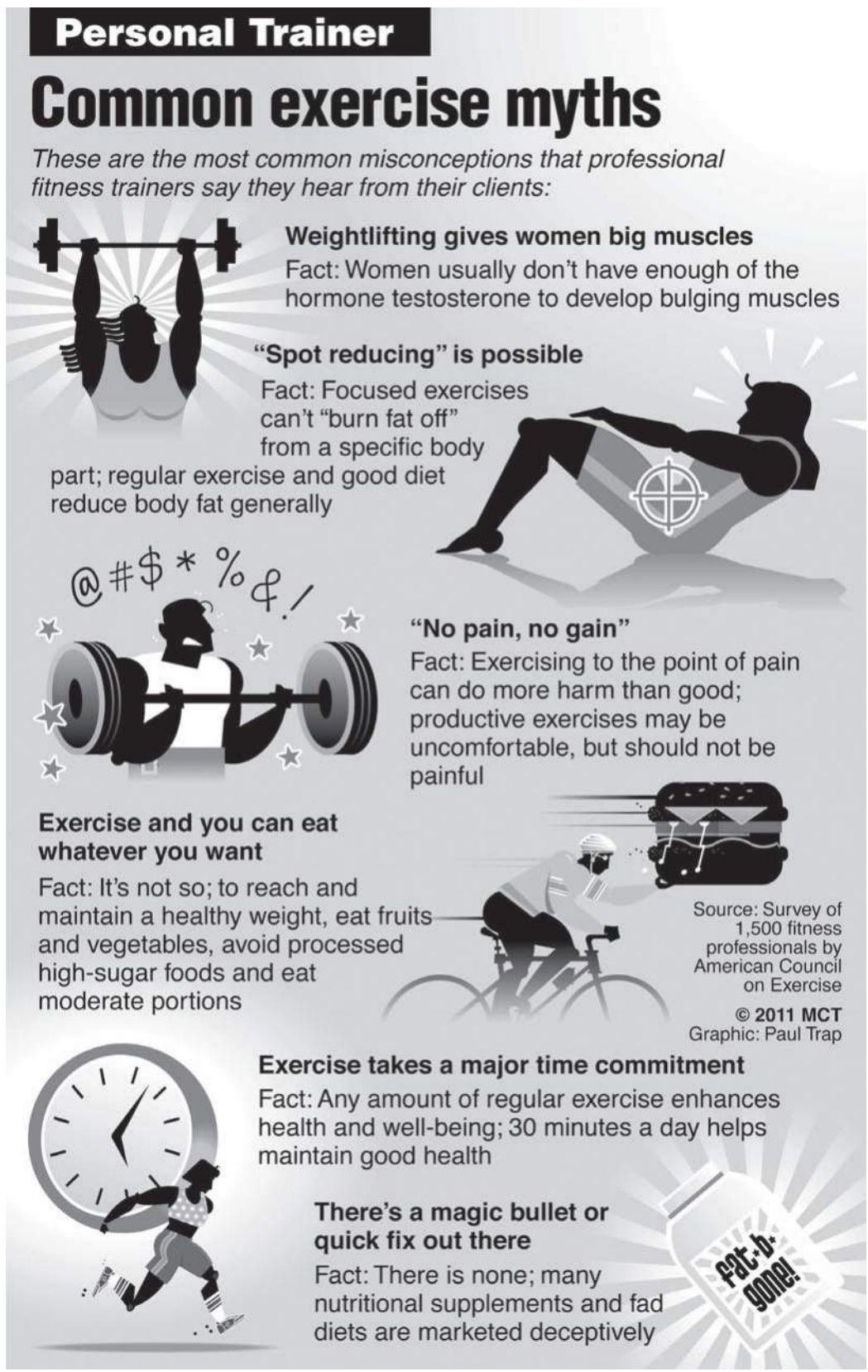
- New England Journal: http://www.nejm.org
- Kidney disease information: http://kidney.niddk.nih.gov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Common exercise myths
These are the most common misconceptions that professional fitness trainers say they hear from their clients:
Weightlifting gives women big muscles
Fact: Women usually don't have enough of the hormone testosterone to develop bulging muscles
"Spot reducing" is possible
Fact: Focused exercises can't "burn fat off" from a specific body part; regular exercise and good diet reduce body fat generally
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"No pain, no gain"
Fact: Exercising to the point of pain can do more harm than good; productive exercises may be uncomfortable, but should not be painful
Exercise and you can eat whatever you want
Fact: It's not so; to reach and maintain a healthy weight, eat fruits and vegetables, avoid processed high-sugar foods and eat moderate portions
Source: Survey of 1,500 fitness professionals by American Council on Exercise
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Exercise takes a major time commitment
Fact: Any amount of regular exercise enhances health and well-being; 30 minutes a day helps maintain good health
There's a magic bullet or quick fix out there
Fact: There is none; many nutritional supplements and fad diets are marketed deceptively
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Life & Style

Train rides and 'Pablo Picasso' in California (Part I)

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The author in front of the de Young Fine Arts Museum in the heart of San Francisco, where Pablo Picasso's masterpieces from the Musee National Picasso in Paris are on exhibit.

First of a two-part series

From nostalgic train rides to exploring Pablo Picasso's masterpieces, reuniting with family and friends, learning history through art and architecture, visiting and revisiting city highlights, or riding a taxicab on the way to the airport with an Egyptian-American driver doubling as a love therapist, there's always something to love about California.

Taking a 7:16am train ride was not easy when you've just traversed a few time zones the past days and still adjusting to Mountain View's time zone and temperature. When my cousin and I left the house, my nieces were still asleep but I thought I was also sleepwalking.

She helped me buy a one-way ticket to San Francisco in one of those vending machines at a CalTrain station nearest Stanford University where she works. When my cousin left, it didn't take long for the train to arrive at the Palo Alto station.

I opted for the upper deck, since I already tried the lower decks two years back. Feeling the rumbling under my feet and wondering about the mechanical processes and the sciences that went with it was just the beginning of almost an hour journey.

Do you remember those movie scenes wherein a person looks out a moving train's window with a smile in his face? I had that smile, too, but mostly of wonderment, against a backdrop of urban jungles, residential areas, giant billboards, graffiti on concrete surfaces, cars, people going about their ways, and greenery every now and then.

The train ride was a mix of speed thrill and nostalgia, bringing back childhood memories of riding a provincial train headed for Manila. But the comfortable ride aboard CalTrain was too much of a luxury when compared to a particular childhood ride in a humid, crammed, and old box-like train car that humans shared with chickens, piglets, sacks of fresh bananas, coconuts, and other luggage. That childhood train ride seemed like eternity, despite the sensory overload of green rice fields, hills and mountains, barrios, towns, and desolate roads.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Even birds find paradise at Golden Gate Park's Stow Lake, a 12-acre doughnut-shaped lake that surrounds Strawberry Hill Island.

Snapping in and out of my nostalgia aboard CalTrain, the names of the places where we made stops were no longer strange to my ear every time the driver announces it—San Carlos, Hillsdale, San Mateo, Burlingame, and San Bruno.

Had I not chosen the limited-stop service, we would have also stopped at eight other stations—Menlo Park, Redwood City, Belmont, Hayward Park, Millbrae, South San Francisco, Bayshore, and 22nd Street—before reaching the final destination of San Francisco.

A ticket inspector was making his rounds. The thought of not being able to show a valid ticket, being fined or embarrassed sent me almost frantically searching for it.

In between sightseeing, I was also glancing at the people around me. Each of them had a story to tell without uttering a word. They reminded me of case studies riding Manila's MRTs. Back on the CalTrain, one was busy with his Blackberry, while another was working on his laptop as if it were his office. Friends were having conversations in hushed tones, with occasional laughs and shrills, while others were reading either a newspaper or a book. I wasn't sleepy after all.

In less than an hour, the train was at its last stop at the San Francisco station. The train arrived earlier than I expected, so I started reading a free newspaper while waiting for my friend to pick me up. The headline in the *San Francisco Examiner* was about a police chief defending his men's actions during a shootout that left one man dead.

Before long, the rush hour crowd disappeared. A man sat beside me and asked what perfume I was wearing because he said it reminded him of a woman he used to know. I told him I wasn't wearing any, which he and I knew was a lie. They say one could sometimes be more honest and open to strangers than the people he knows, but not at that moment in the train station. I didn't really want to strike a conversation with a stranger who is sniffing me. I turned to page 5.

A text message came in. "I'm here."

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Golden Gate Park's Stow Lake, the largest of the man-made lakes in the park, is a popular spot for leisure boating.

It's great to see a dear friend again. Two years ago, he told me he could never drive in the city but as soon as we both settled in his gray car, everything was revealed and we had lots of catching up to do. The stories and questions kept on coming—what have you been up to the past two years? How's Saipan these days? How is San Francisco treating you? Nothing beats the power of personal interaction when it comes to catching up with friends, despite the wonders of text messages, phone calls, emails, and Facebook.

We missed our turns a few times while navigating San Francisco's historic districts. I was happy that he's happy with the city. And who wouldn't be happy in San Francisco?

It wasn't foggy and cold as it was when I first visited the city in 2009. Anyone visiting San Francisco should not miss the majestic Golden Gate Bridge, the city skyline, the Victorian and Edwardian houses, the Fisherman's Wharf and the view of Alcatraz, the Coit Tower and Lombard Street, among other city highlights.

I still remember the roadside parking, the red bricks and the spiral staircase to two of my friends' lovely apartment in the heart of the city. The wooden floors, the skylight in the dining area, my friend's paintings that, to me, have always been a celebration of colors, forms and emotions, the electronic gadgets, and the guest bedroom reserved for me! They were always a gracious host, just as they were back on Saipan.

We were then off to Louis Café for late breakfast, overlooking a windswept shoreline, the ruins of Sutro Baths, and Land's End, which I partly explored two years earlier. But the café/restaurant was closed for renovation. We weren't about to waste the view so we took turns taking photos.

A man who just parked his car offered to take our photos together. He suggested checking out the nearby Cliff House which, as its name suggests, also has a spectacular view of the sea besides offering hearty meals. It turned out that the man who took our photos was a manager at the restaurant. We got a free serving of their specialty pastry! You never know.

While waiting for another friend to join us, we had a relaxing walk at the Golden Gate Park, touted as "the ultimate haven away from urban chaos." Golden Gate Park's beautiful Stow Lake was an experience in itself. Being the largest of the man-made lakes in the park, it is a popular spot for leisure boat-

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ing, strolling, and picnicking.

Stow Lake, which serves as the park's reservoir, is a 12-acre doughnut-shaped lake that surrounds Strawberry Hill Island. We walked the trail that follows the lake's perimeter, passing the 110-foot artificial Huntington Falls, a Chinese pagoda and the Stone Bridge before receiving the call we were waiting for.

The three of us were off to the de Young Fine Arts Museum where Pablo Picasso's masterpieces from the Musee National Picasso in Paris were on exhibit.

The over 150 paintings, sculptures, drawings, and prints were drawn from Picasso's personal collection, representing every phase of his extraordinary life and in essence, shaped his artistic legacy.

The Picasso exhibit runs from June 11 to Oct. 9.

As an art history buff, exploring Picasso's world was one of the highlights of revisiting San Francisco. You could just imagine my excitement that day, finally seeing Picasso's work in a once-in-a-lifetime exhibit without setting foot on Europe—or at least not yet. "We all know that art is not truth," Picasso once said. "Art is a lie that makes us realize truth."

Art exploration at the de Young Fine Arts Museum was made more meaningful by sharing that experience with a dear friend—an artist whose own artwork is no stranger to exhibits in and outside California. The other person who went with us to the museum set out his own journey.

Pablo Picasso (1881-1973) is widely acknowledged as the most compelling and groundbreaking artist of the 20th century. This Spanish painter, sculptor, graphic artist, and ceramist instilled in our collective consciousness the world of Cubism and Surrealism, the Blue Period and the Rose Period. He produced works addressing history, sexuality and mortality "filled with allegorical and autobiographical associations."

Picasso startled the world with "Les Demoiselles d'Auvignon," which experts say has been the first truly 20th century painting with its synchronicity of different perspectives. His defiance of convention in this painting, decried as being "aggressively erotic," set off shock waves.

If you look at the "Les Demoiselles d'Auvignon," the figures looked as if they were hewn with an axe and the hollowed-eyed faces became mask-like. One of the figures in the painting was presented from no fixed perspective but was showing her simultaneously from different sides. Contemporaries construed it as the artist's homage to the shrill world of deformation, deconstructed myth, and "a general attack on the ideals of European art."

My friend and I were sharing our thoughts about the paintings and the other artwork imposing their presence on us. We were moved by the vitality and fearlessness with which the artist presented his masterpieces for the world to see.

And while most people were focused on the images in the paintings, my friend and I were also looking at the discoloration of the canvass on the sides of the painting and the nails used.

"Excuse me, Ma'am, Sir, please don't stay close to the painting. You might set off the alarm," one of the exhibit galleries' guards told us.

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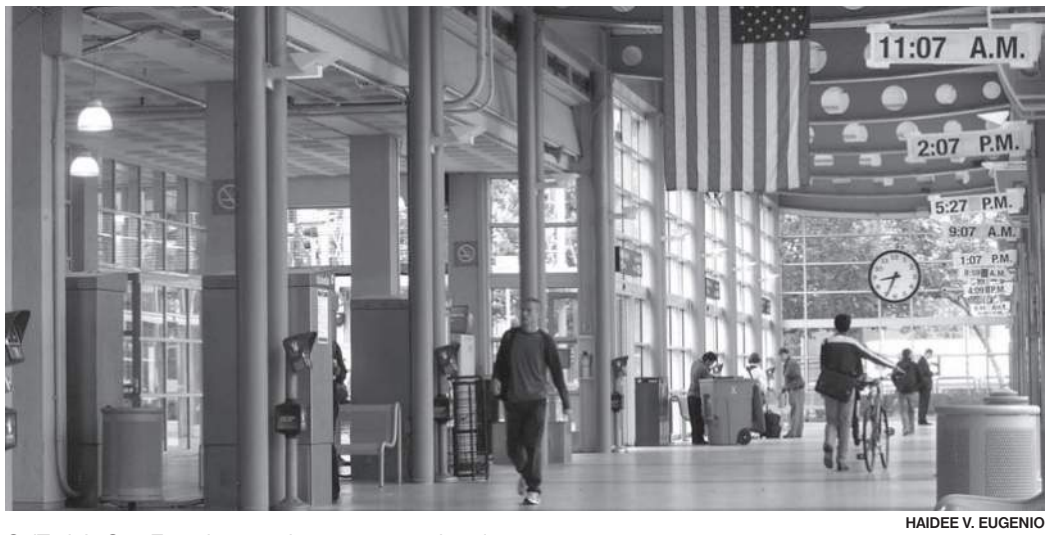
The foggy mountains in the background, the ruins of Sutro Baths, and the windswept Land's End off the coastline of San Francisco.



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CalTrain's San Francisco station at 8:35am that day.

Death and Funeral Announcement

WP. Johnny D. Isaac

August 19, 1961 – September 19, 2011

Nightly prayers is being offered at 7:30PM at the United Church of Christ at Kannat Tabla.

Survived by:
Wife: *Rosally F. Isaac*
Mother In-Law: *Mariana E. Scaliem*
Children: *Roselyn J. Isaac (Jefferson Peter), Jeffrey J. Isaac, Sonia Marie J. Isaac, Sharon Mae J. Isaac*
Brothers, Sister and In Laws: *SP. Edgar Isaac & Hermite and children, Basy I. Clark & Aldis and children, Medilihda I. Sakryas and children, Erwhine Isaac and children, Erihda Isaac and children, Sehra Isaac and children, Abner Robert and children*
Brothers and Sisters In-Laws: *Kohlen/Lolihda Fredrick and children, Nohra E. Scaliem and daughter, Flora E. Scaliem and children, Margarita S. Cabrera and children, Steve E. Scaliem and daughter, Fernando/ Mayleen Scaliem and children, Maria Ines & Stanley Sehpin and children, Mildred Keller and children, Christina Elnei and son, Leon/Leilyn Scaliem and children, Lihda E. Scaliem, Macario/Jane Scaliem and children, Stanley/Linda Scaliem*

Pre Deceased by:
Parents: *Dimios & Esy Abraham Isaac*
Parents In- Law: *Gays E. Scaliem, Pedere & Lihner E. Fredrick*
Brothers & Sisters: *Sohsy Isaac, Aichy Isaac, Sohrim Isaac, Lidihna Isaac Handy, Lilly Robert*
Brothers In-Law and Sisters In-Law: *Mahdin Handy, Misihma Sakryas, Jose M. Cabrera, Osaky M. Keller,*
Nephew: *Faustino Isaac*
Grand Niece: *Vic Ashley Yens*

Wake: *Monday, September 26, 2011 at 4:00PM. Body will be escorted from CHC to Kannat Tabla – UCCPS*

Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 10:00AM at the United Church of Christ in Kannat Tabla. Burial service will be at the Tanapag Public Cemetery at 11:00AM

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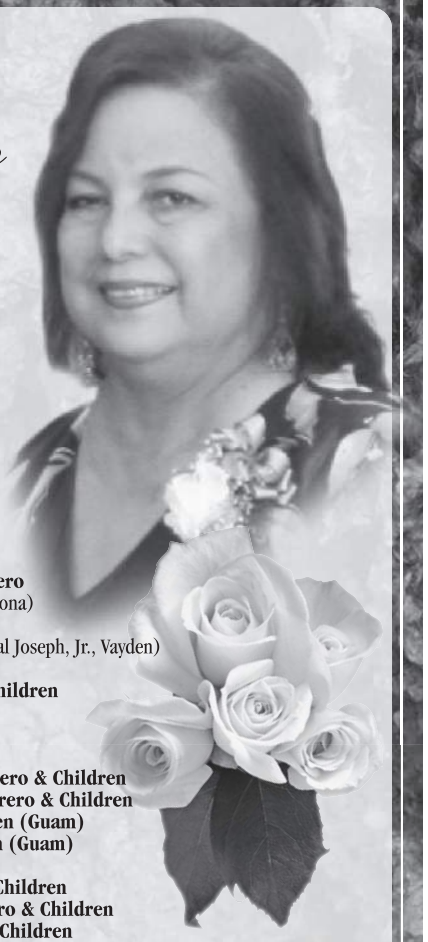
The Family

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

Rosita Borja Deleon Guerrero



Better known as "Rose"
was called to her eternal rest on Monday, September 19, 2011 at the age of 56

In her new life she now joins her:
Mother: **Trinidad Arriola Borja**
Father: **Victorino Tudela Borja**
Brother: **Juan A. Borja**
Father in law: **Joaquin Cabrera Deleon Guerrero**
Mother in law: **Consolacion Iglecias Deleon Guerrero**
Brother in law: **Julian A. Concepcion**
Herman Pablo
Nephews: **Joey S. Borja**
Patrick DLG. Pablo

Her spirit and memories will forever live in the heart of her:
Husband: **Joaquin (Kilroy) Iglecias Deleon Guerrero**
Children & Spouses: **Trina & Peter W. Torres, Jr.** (Jaylynn & Keona)
Kilroy (Champ) B. Deleon Guerrero
Victoria & Vidal Joseph P. Camacho (Vidal Joseph, Jr., Vayden)
Joaquin B. Deleon Guerrero Jr.
Sisters & Brothers: **Victoria B. & †Julian A. Concepcion & Children**
Lucia B. & Gregory W. Hurst & Children
Joseph A. & Evelyn S. Borja & Children
Juan A. & Jessica P. Borja & Children
Sisters & Brothers In-Laws: **Alfredo I. & Remedios R. Deleon Guerrero & Children**
Artemio I. & Mercedes SN. Deleon Guerrero & Children
Delfina DLG. & Mike Sherman & Children (Guam)
Rosa DLG. & †Herman Pablo & Children (Guam)
Rita O. & Antonio Rivera (San Diego)
Jose I. & Susana V. Deleon Guerrero & Children
Crispin I. & Catherine F. Deleon Guerrero & Children
Efrain I. & Hilda G. Deleon Guerrero & Children
Winniefreda DLG. & Felix Mediola & Children (Rota)
Lorenzo I. & Sinforosa V. Deleon Guerrero & Children
Begonia I. Deleon Guerrero & Children
Antonio I. & Lourdes S. Deleon Guerrero & Children
Jesus I. & Josepha C. Deleon Guerrero & Children
Juan I. & Viola S. Deleon Guerrero & Children

She is also survived by numerous Aunties, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Godchildren.

Daily mass of intention will be at 6:00 am and nightly rosary will be at 7:30 pm at Kristo Rai Church.

Last respects and viewing will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. Her remains will be escorted from the Borja Funeral Home to the Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at 7:30 am, followed by the Responso and Holy Rosary. The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 am, followed by the burial at the CNMI Veteran's Cemetery at Marpi.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

‘All My Children’ ends its run with a cliffhanger

NEW YORK (AP)—Tissues were on hand but there were few tears among two dozen soap opera fans gathered to watch “All My Children” sign off from ABC on Friday after more than 40 years.

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Fans watch the final episode of the soap opera “All My Children” at Blondies Sports restaurant in New York, Friday, Sept. 23, 2011.

That’s because the screen faded to black with a gunshot and a cliffhanger—an indication that the story may not be dead, even if the television series is. ABC has licensed the story to a production company that is hoping to keep the “All My Children” going online after the first of next year.

Carolyn Hinsey, author of “Afternoon Delight: Why Soaps Still Matter,” organized a watching party at a Manhattan sports bar as a message to television executives who apparently think soap operas don’t matter anymore.

Two of ABC’s three daytime dramas, “All My Children” and “One Life to Live,” were canceled this year. That leaves only four soaps on network television, with “General Hospital” the only one on ABC when “One Life to Live” formally leaves in a few months.

TV executives consider soaps a losing cause, more expensive to produce than talk or reality shows and with a dwindling audience as more women work and their tastes change—even though the ratings for ABC’s two canceled programs have jumped in recent months.

“The soap fans are still there,” said Marie White, who drove in from Baltimore for the party. “It’s just that Nielsen doesn’t count them.”

Nielsen, the television ratings company, doesn’t count White. She keeps up with her favorites online these days.

Partygoers booed loudly when ABC ran a commercial for “The Chew,” the cooking show that will replace “All My Children” next week. They saved their loudest cheer for when Erica Kane, the soap’s most memorable character, portrayed by Susan Lucci, learned she would not get married again—at least not yet.

She saved her final words on television for a promise to keep pursuing her beau even after he told her to have a nice life—without him.

The soap has been tying up loose ends for much of its final week. But the prospect that it could continue led to some last-minute script changes, Hinsey said.

The final episode ended with most of the show’s characters gathered at the Chandler house in fictional Pine Valley, Pa., for a party—celebrating engagements, a pregnancy and some miracle medical revivals. Yet the character J.R., riled because he lost his business and fortune and because his wife left to raise their baby son with a lesbian, lurked outside with a gun.

The series ended as he fired. Left unseen was who, if anyone, J.R. shot—homage, perhaps, to the famous 1980 “Dallas” cliffhanger that became known as “Who Shot J.R.?”

That may depend on business off the television screen, Hinsey said. Actors who decide not to continue with the series online may, in retrospect, wind up being victims of the gunman, she said.

Prospect Park this week announced the first deals with show cast members to continue with the online production. Cameron Mathison, who plays Ryan Lavery, and Lindsay Hartley, who portrays Dr. Cara Castillo Martin, have agreed to continue.

Lucci’s participation is still up in the air.

Asked by Hinsey, a handful of people at the Manhattan party said they rated the final episode an 8 on a scale of one to 10. Many said they had heard rumors that the ending was going to be much bloodier.

“I think it’s better than the whole town getting shot up,” said Christine Levitin-Breyette, a Manhattan woman at the party. “That wasn’t so bad.”

Some of the final episode’s dialogue felt more like actors talking to viewers, or television executives, than as part of the story. One example was when actress Debbi Morgan spoke soon after her blind character, Angie Hubbard, had her sight restored.

“One day our family and friends will be gone and they won’t be back,” she said. “They’ll be gone for good. What if that day were today?”

Jury selected in Jackson doctor’s case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—More than two years after the death of Michael Jackson, a judge swore in jurors Friday to hear the case against the doctor accused of killing the superstar with an overdose of a powerful anesthetic in a rented Los Angeles mansion.

The jury of seven men and five women chosen for the involuntary manslaughter trial of Dr. Conrad Murray includes people who considered themselves fans of the King of Pop and others who had lost interest in his music.

Their occupations include mail carrier, college professor, paralegal and school bus driver.

A 54-year-old woman who works in management wrote on her jury questionnaire: “Loved his music as a young girl, as an adult not so much but saw his talent in music and dance.”

The only African-American juror, a 54-year-old man, said, “When I was a kid I liked the Jackson Five. Things change as you get older. I’m more of a Jay-Z fan.”

Murray was charged with involuntary manslaughter in February 2010. Since then, both sides have jockeyed to frame the case in their favor.

Prosecutors contend Murray was negligent in administering to Jackson a lethal dose of the anesthetic propofol and other sedatives in the bedroom of the singer’s rented mansion without access to proper life-saving equipment.

Murray’s attorneys have floated theories that the 50-year-old singer may have given himself the fatal dosage in June 2009 and say the Houston-based cardiologist did not give the singer anything that should have killed him.

Opening statements were scheduled Tuesday in the case.

The jury was selected after less than six hours of questioning by a judge, defense attorneys and prosecutors.

The speed with which the panel was seated is likely a result of the exhaustive 30-page questionnaire the group filled out earlier this month when jury selection began.

Deputy District Attorney David Walgren joked with prospective jurors that the process seemed like “the courtroom version of speed dating, trying to get the most information in a short time.”

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor, determined to move the process quickly, gave each side only 20 minutes to question the first 27 prospects.

Six alternates were sworn in later in the day, but an immediate glitch developed when one of them reported a problem to the judge. A transcript of the discussion was sealed.

AP

In this Jan. 25, 2011 file photo, Dr. Conrad Murray, singer Michael Jackson’s personal physician, appears in Los Angeles Superior Court where Murray pleaded not guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter in the pop star’s 2009 death.

The woman was immediately dismissed from the panel, leaving five alternates for the balance of the trial.

Murray has pleaded not guilty and could face four years in prison and loss of his medical license if convicted.

As might be expected, the personality and life of the late singer dominated much of the jury questioning.

“Part of this trial is going to be about Michael Jackson,” said defense attorney Ed Chernoff. “We’re not going to drag up stuff that happened that people may not want to hear about.”

But he immediately asked panelists how they remembered Jackson.

One woman said, “as a child with the Jackson Five.”

He then asked if she felt that Jackson was childlike in adulthood. She answered no. He asked the entire panel if they saw Jackson as so childlike that he might not be able to make responsible decisions.

“Does anybody here believe Michael Jackson was less capable of making decisions than anybody else?” Chernoff said.

Jurors shook their heads no.

“Does anybody feel Michael Jackson should be held to a different standard of responsibility?” the lawyer asked.

Again, jurors indicated negatively.

During his questioning, prosecutor Walgren framed the issue differently. He wanted to know if a “victim” in a hypothetical car accident could be held partially responsible for his own death if he walked in front of a driver who was running red lights and driving recklessly.

The defense objected to the term “victim,” and Walgren changed it to “alleged victim.”

He was probing whether panelists might hold Jackson partially responsible for his own demise and thus absolve Murray of responsibility. None said they would.

Bailiffs marched 84 potential jurors into the courtroom, but 10 were quickly dismissed because they said they could no longer serve on such a long case.

Early Monroe photos, copyrights to sell at auction

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Copyrights and images from Marilyn Monroe's first photo shoot are hitting the auction block.

A bankruptcy judge in Florida ruled earlier this week that photos taken in 1946 of Norma Jeane Dougherty—who went on to become the iconic Monroe—will be sold at auction to settle the debts of the photographer.

Joseph Jasgur's photos, negatives and image copyrights will be sold in December by Julien's Auctions. The collection also includes several model-release forms Dougherty signed for Jasgur in Hollywood.

Darren Julien, chief of Julien's Auctions, said the photos have not been widely distributed and the collection has been locked up in court battles for more than two decades. He said the sale is significant because "it's very rare to see something where you can buy a copyrighted image of (Monroe), especially of her first photo shoot."

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In this 1946 image taken by photographer Joseph Jasgur and released by Julien's Auctions, a photo of Norma Jean Dougherty, who eventually changed her name to Marilyn Monroe, is shown.

"It's really hard to put a value on something like this, because it's rare and not just for the collector," he said, noting that the owner of the copyrights will be able to sell and distribute the images. "These are probably the most significant images of Marilyn that are available because they're so early, from the first part of her career, and it's rare to have images like these where you're selling the rights, too."

He declined to estimate how much the images and copyrights will sell for at the company's "Icons & Idols" auction, to be held Dec. 2-4 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

The photos include a black-and-white headshot of the future Monroe wearing a jaunty beret, another of her in a halter top and a color picture of her smiling in a striped bikini on the sand. Julien said Jasgur was hired by the Blue Book modeling agency to shoot the then-unknown Norma Jeane.

Sammy Hagar ready to hatch new Chickenfoot album

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sammy Hagar is hoping his supergroup avoids a sophomore slump.

The former Van Halen frontman, guitar legend Joe Satriani, Red Hot Chili Peppers drummer Chad Smith and former Van Halen bassist Michael Anthony skipped calling the follow-up to their 2009 debut "Chickenfoot II" and instead named it "Chickenfoot III." The album, which is set for release on Tuesday, features 10 new tracks from the seasoned rockers.

"I feel a little pressure," said Hagar. "I didn't feel anything on the first record because there were no expectations. We were doing it for fun. We knew it was going to be good. We just wanted to play together. There was no business involved or tour planned. It was so organic that we never looked back. The next thing I knew, we had done 50 shows."

Hagar said fans can expect more of the same classic rock sound from Chickenfoot. One of the most emotional tunes on the new album is "Three and a Half Letters." Hagar transformed about 20 letters from down-on-their-luck fans into three lyrical letters read—and screamed—by Hagar. Each letter is punctuated with an explosive guitar solo by Satriani.

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In this undated image released by Chickenfoot, members of the band, from left, Joe Satriani, Sammy Hagar, Chad Smith, and Michael Anthony, are shown.

"My manager, (John) Carter, who died earlier this year, kept telling me to write a song about people needing jobs," said Hagar. "I told him, `Sounds country.' But it all came together for me when I got this letter from a guy in Afghanistan and at the end of it he wrote, `I need a job, brother. Can you help?' All of sudden, I realized there was a song there."

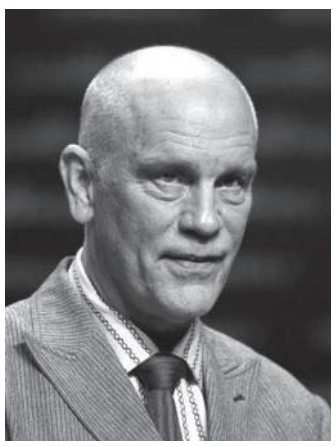
Malkovich delighted by role as Siberian mobster

VILNIUS, Lithuania (AP)—John Malkovich says his latest acting role, an aging Siberian mobster trying to raise his grandson to be an honorable crook, proved to be a "delightful" experience.

The movie, "Siberian Education," is set in Trans-Dniester, now a separatist republic between Moldova and Ukraine, though filming of the U.S.-Italian production took place in Lithuania and wrapped up this week.

Malkovich plays Kuzja, an old recividist exiled to Trans-Dniester along with numerous other ex-convicts by Soviet authorities in the waning years of the Soviet Union. Kuzja tries to teach his grandson Kolyma—the film's main protagonist, played by Lithuanian actor Arnas Fedaravicius—the arcane rules of "criminal morals."

"It is an interesting story about the way of life that most of audience would not know about," Malkovich said Friday before leaving Lithuania. "Things are so much global and Americanized. It's interesting to think of that kind of (criminal) culture that the film addresses is kind of becoming extinct."



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In this Saturday, June 25, 2011 file photo actor John Malkovich attends the German premier of the movie Transformer 3 in Berlin.

"I found this experience delightful," he added.

The film is based on a memoir by Nicolai Linin, also called "Siberian Education," that was critically acclaimed for its portrayal of childhood innocence amid a community of violent men who romanticize their criminal life.

Malkovich, 57, praised Italian director Gabriele Salvatores for balancing his instincts with those of the actors.

"It is certain that Gabriele has terrific balance between knowing what he wants and being willing to be surprised. That's not the easiest balance to have, but I think better directors have that," he said.

"I think directing is a terrible job. It's an awful lot of pressure, and I think the part the actor should bring is to give your best performance, your best opinion, but to bring something to work instead of making the director always tell you what to do," Malkovich said.

"As a director I find that very tiresome," he added.

Woman faces prison in LA celebrity burglary ring

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A woman accused of being one of the ringleaders of a group of young adults who broke into celebrities' homes faces up to four years in prison after pleading no contest Friday to burglarizing the home of reality starlet Audrina Patridge.

Rachel Lee, 21, made the plea as part of an agreement with prosecutors, who will drop charges of accepting stolen property and engaging in a conspiracy, district attorney's spokeswoman Jane Robison said.

Authorities have said Lee helped orchestrate break-ins at the homes of stars such as Lindsay Lohan and Paris Hilton. Lee was initially charged with a burglary at Lohan's home, but a judge dropped that count last year.

Lee's attorney, Peter Korn, did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

Lee is the second member of the so-called "Bling Ring" to enter pleas in the string of burglaries. Alexis Neiers, whose case was featured on an E! Entertainment Television series about her, last year pleaded no contest to burglarizing Orlando Bloom's home.

AP

In this Feb. 3, 2010 file photo, Rachel Lee leaves the Los Angeles Superior Court downtown Los Angeles.

Woman awaiting her divorce fears suitors won't materialize

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm going through a divorce and have decided not to begin dating until it's final. I'm doing this because I wouldn't be comfortable dating someone who is still married. I told myself I would politely explain this to any gentleman who asks me out, but no one has—and I'm a little bothered by it. No one approaches me at all. I don't wear my ring and I consider myself to be a very attractive person.

I have had several boyfriends throughout my life, and looking back at them and my marriage, I realize that I was the first to show an interest and ask them out. I'd like it if a guy approached me and made the first move. I'm worried that when I'm ready to date it won't happen. I understand that approaching a stranger is a little unnerving, but I'm beginning to take it personally.

Please don't suggest going to activities outside the home to meet people. I work and go to school full-time, so that's not an option anytime soon.

LOOKING FOR A DATE—IN THE FUTURE

DEAR LOOKING (BUT NOT LOOKING): If you're asking me how to get a man to ask you out so you can tell him, "No, I'm not ready," I'm sorry but I can't help you. I don't know the circumstances of your divorce, but if they were hurtful, it is not uncommon for the injured party to "become invisible" until he or she heals enough to once again send out "available and interested" vibes. You say you're not quite there yet, which may be why you're not attracting any interest.

While your schedule is so full—unless you meet someone at school or through your job—your love life may have to stay on hold until you can squeeze it in.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who routinely makes offhand, sarcastic remarks to me. He recently told me my story wasn't worth listening to, which makes me wonder if he's insecure or just doesn't care for my company. I feel devalued and I'm beginning to be weary of his "zingers." Sometimes I'd rather not be in his company, but my wife and I have no problem with his wife. Any suggestions?

SICK OF THE ZINGERS IN MILWAUKEE

DEAR SICK OF THE ZINGERS: This "friend" may think he's being clever, or he may be utterly tactless. If you'd rather not be around him, follow your instincts and avoid him. His wife and yours can continue their friendship, and if the woman asks why there are no more foursomes, she should be told the truth. Once they see their social circle is shrinking, he may change his ways. And if he doesn't, you will no longer have to tolerate his rudeness.

DEAR ABBY: I was dating this guy for 5 1/2 years. It was a struggle because of all the problems I suffered through in my previous relationships. He assured me that he wasn't like the rest. I believed that we were getting back on track, slowly.

A few days ago, I received a letter in the mail from a woman telling me they had gotten married. Enclosed was a wedding picture of the two of them. The date of the wedding was on the back of the picture. I was shocked to see that the wedding had taken place while we were together. What should I do?

HURTING HEART IN OHIO

DEAR HURTING HEART: Send her a thank-you letter, tell her you won't be seeing her husband again in this life and write him off. And one more thing: Be grateful she clued you in, because if she hadn't, you could still be wasting time with this two-timing liar.

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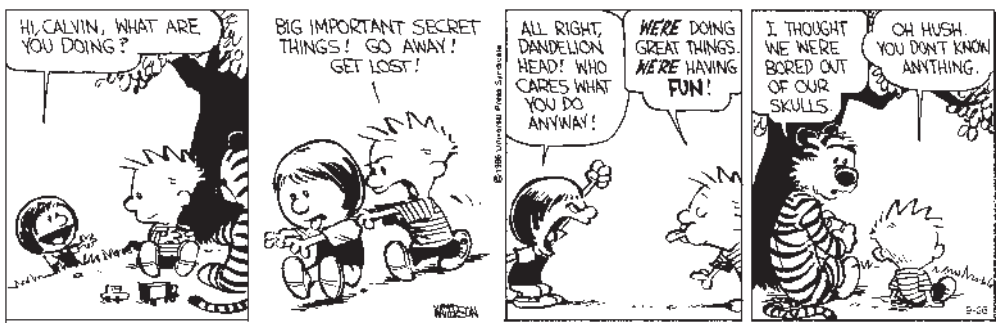
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HI, CALVIN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BIG IMPORTANT SECRET THINGS! GO AWAY! GET LOST!
ALL RIGHT, DANDELION HEAD! WHO CARES WHAT YOU DO ANYWAY!
WE'RE DOING GREAT THINGS. WE'RE HAVING FUN!
I THOUGHT WE WERE BORED OUT OF OUR SKULLS.
OH HUSH. YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.

Garfield®

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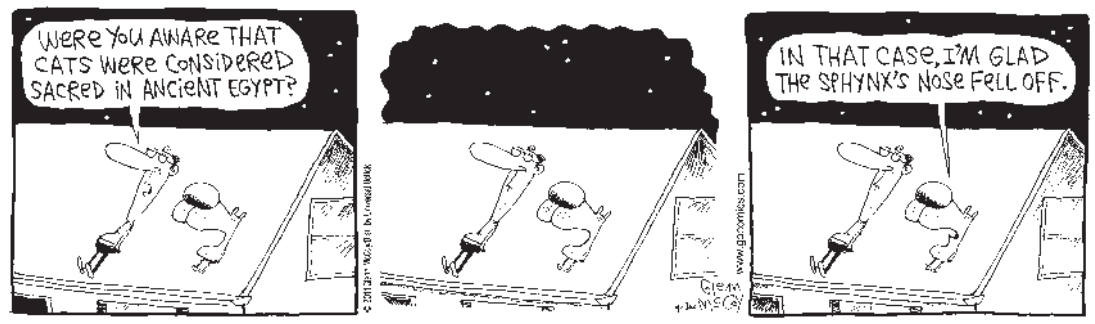
TIME FOR SOME OLD-FASHIONED NETWORKING.
HELLO?
TOM, OLD BOY. HOW'S EVERYTHING?
I LOST MY JOB AND MY DOG RAN AWAY.
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT. CAN I HELP?
WOULD YOU LEND ME SOME MONEY?
I CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT. I'LL LEND YOU MY DAUGHTERS PLUSH SNOOPY.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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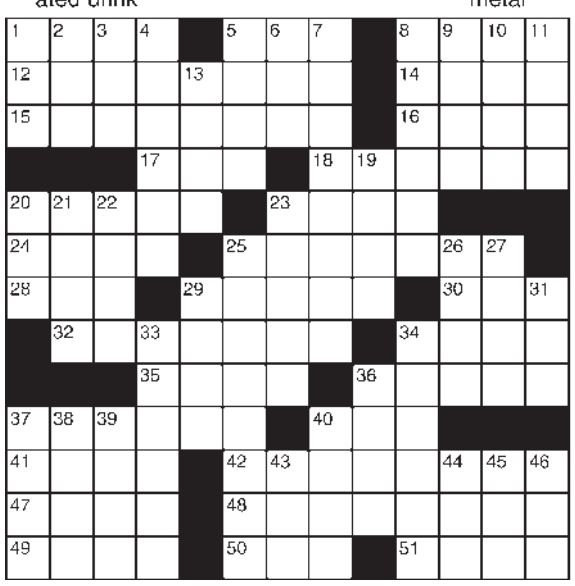
Saturday's answer 9-26



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Christina Milian, 30; Serena Williams, 30; James Caviezel, 43; Olivia Newton-John, 63.

Happy Birthday: Don't limit yourself when all that's required is a little hard work. A lazy effort will work against you. You can make financial gains, but you must invest wisely. Use your skills to the max to turn liabilities into assets. Focus on home, family and comfort. Your numbers are 2, 9, 14, 16, 25, 37, 43.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Say less, do more and stay out of the line of fire. Greater involvement in challenging activities will help to eliminate stress. Aim to please, no matter what you do or whom you are involved with, and you will bypass negativity and setbacks. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Stand up for yourself. If you allow interference, you will have regrets. Your proposal must be foolproof before you offer it to anyone of importance. Iron out any weak links and you will gain confidence. If you are tired, take time to relax. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't let the choices before you add to your confusion. Prioritize your time. If you take on too much, you will fall short. Focus on what's really important and let everything else sit. Someone younger will have a positive influence on you. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't worry if things aren't running smoothly. Watch for an opportunity to take charge. Take your mind off personal matters with a hobby or something creative. Accept change and you will find a way to turn a negative into a positive. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Prepare to get as much done as possible. You can make a lifestyle change depending on the people you associate with and what you learn in the interim. Share the spotlight with a worthy contributor and you will be rewarded for your insight. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Think about your options and combine old plans with new ones to come up with solutions for your current situation. New friendships bring greater knowledge and motivate you toward your goals. Don't let an emotional incident hold you back. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Uncertainty regarding your position or your health will cause anxiety if you don't keep busy working toward your objectives. Don't worry about what others do or say. The bottom line is your performance and what you contribute to getting results. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't feel pressured to make a hasty decision. A better opportunity will come from or through someone you have worked with in the past. Time is on your side, even if you are being told otherwise. Use the information you receive wisely. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Push for what you want, right now. Don't let emotions stand in your way. If you want change, implement it. It's up to you to go after what you want. Love is in the stars, and speaking up about your intentions will be well received. ✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Expect rejection if you are forceful. Focus on home and self-improvement. If you are fun to be with, rather than demanding, you will have greater success. Don't make impulsive decisions without regard for friends or family. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Get you what you want by being open, receptive and to the point. Don't go overboard trying to impress others. There are dollars to be made, contracts to be signed and settlements to be reached. Finish what you start. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Weigh the pros and cons of the situation. A change of plans may catch you off-guard, but showing confusion will weaken your position. Respond with strength and prepare to take on a responsibility that will eventually lead to greater freedom. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are charming, dedicated and expressive. You see, you do, you accomplish.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 9/26

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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AGENDA

1. Administrative matters:
   a. Call to order – confirmation of quorum & welcoming Mr. Joaquin Manglona as commissioner.
   b. Approval of minutes of June 6, 2011 meeting.
   c. Administrative Resolution: Retention of Commission staff in FY12.
2. Telecommunications:
   - Docket 09-3: USAC Certification: Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation [MTC] and PTI Pacifica, Inc.
   - Docket 11-01: GTA Services LLC's application for certificate of convenience and necessity. Status report per Commission's April 15, 2011 Administrative Resolution.
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Versus	]	**SUMMONS**
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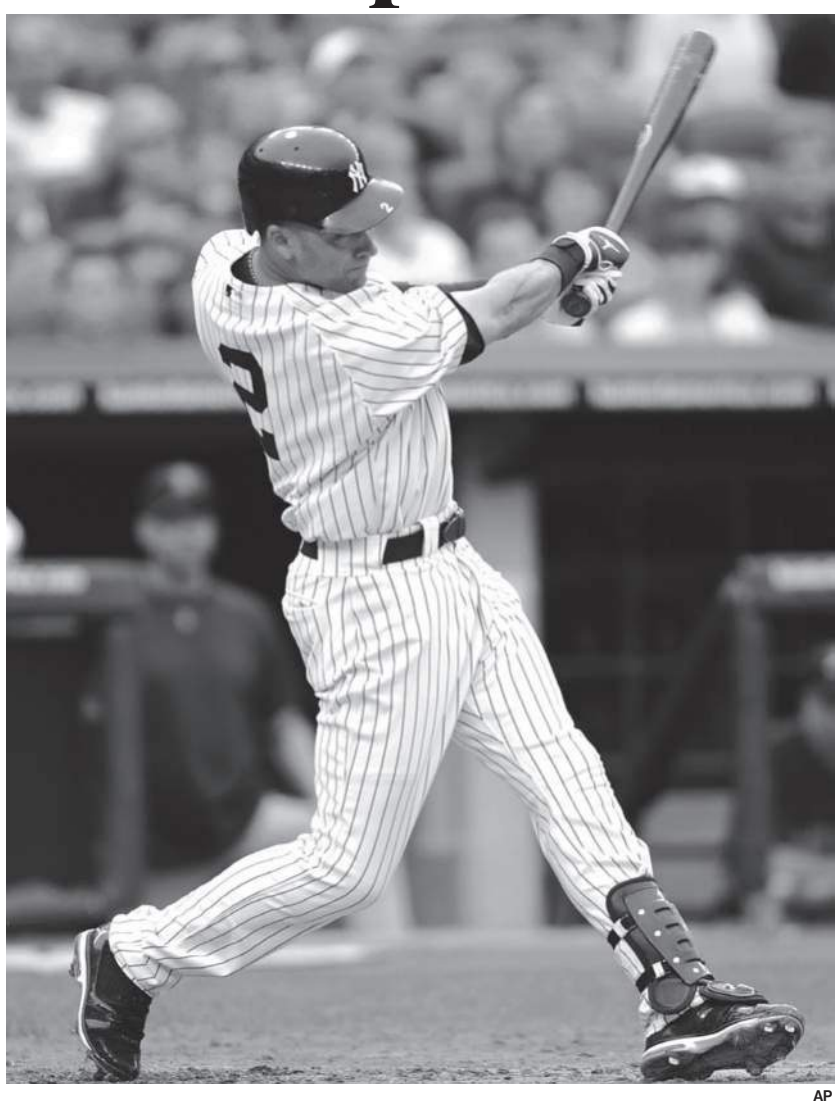
Jeter's homer helps Yankees hammer Red Sox

NEW YORK (AP)—Derek Jeter capped a six-run second inning with a three-run homer, rookie Jesus Montero had four RBIs in finishing a triple shy of the cycle and the New York Yankees stunned the reeling Boston Red Sox early in a 9-1 victory Saturday.

Boston dropped to 4-15 since holding a nine-game lead over the Rays in the AL wild-card race on Sept. 4. Tampa Bay went into Saturday night's game at Toronto trailing by two games.

Freddy Garcia (12-8) pitched six innings of six-hit ball, making his case for the No. 3 spot in the Yankees' postseason rotation. Jon Lester (15-9) allowed eight runs and eight hits in 2 2-3 innings as Boston starters fell to 3-10 with a 7.34 ERA during the slump.



AP

New York Yankees' Derek Jeter follows through on a three-run home run during the second inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Rangers 7, Mariners 3

In Arlington, Texas, Seattle ace Felix Hernandez (14-14) was forced out of the game when he was hit on the right forearm by Michael Young's line drive during the Rangers' six-run fourth inning. The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner fell to the ground as the ball deflected towards third base for a single.

Hernandez was charged with seven runs—five earned—and 12 hits in his shortest outing since May 7 last year.

Texas, which clinched its second straight AL West title on Friday night, has won six of seven. Scott Feldman (2-1) allowed three runs and five hits in four innings.

Rays 6, Blue Jays 2

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Tampa Bay moved within 1 1/2 games of Boston in the AL wild-card race after Johnny Damon's three-run homer gave it victory over Toronto.

Damon connected with two out in the eighth, giving the Rays a four-run lead. Damon's third hit of the game came after shortstop Mike McCoy mishandled Evan Longoria's grounder for an error and Ben Zobrist flied out for the second out in the inning.

Rookie reliever Alex Torres (1-1) threw five shutout innings to earn his first big league win in his fourth game this season. The left-hander replaced Jeff Niemann to start the second and allowed three hits.

Damon also had a run-scoring double in the first as the Rays won for the second time in six games.

Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 43rd homer for the Blue Jays, who had won seven of 11. Ricky Romero (15-11) gave up six runs—one earned—and six hits over 7 2-3 innings.

Orioles 6, Tigers 5

In Detroit, Baltimore earned a victory over Detroit when Matt Angle executed a tiebreaking squeeze bunt in the ninth inning.

Justin Verlander allowed five runs and eight hits in seven innings. He retired 13 of his last 14 batters but the Tigers weren't able to overcome his shaky start.

The right-hander was bidding to become the first pitcher to win 13 starts in a row since Ellis Kinder of the Boston Red Sox in 1949, according to STATS LLC. The major league record of 21 was set by the Philadelphia Athletics' Lefty Grove in 1931.

Verlander broke the previous Tigers record of wins in 11 straight starts, shared by Earl Whitehill (1930) and Hal Newhouser (1946).

Pedro Strop (2-1) picked up the win, and Kevin Gregg pitched the ninth for his 22nd save.

Daniel Schlereth took the loss (2-2)

Angels 4, Athletics 2

In Anaheim, California, Jerome Williams won his fourth straight decision since joining the Angels last month, and Torii Hunter homered and drove in three runs in a victory over Oakland that kept Los Angeles' AL wild card hopes alive.

The Angels, who were eliminated from the AL West race on Friday night, are 2 1/2 games behind Boston and one behind Tampa Bay for the wild card with four games remaining.

Williams, who improved to 4-0 in six starts, allowed a run and five hits in 6 1-3 innings, struck out two and walked two.

Jordan Walden got his 32nd save.

Rookie Guillermo Moscoso (8-10) took the loss.

White Sox 6, Royals 3

In Chicago, Alex Rios and Brent Morel homered to back John Danks and lead the White Sox over Kansas City.

Danks (8-12) improved to 5-0 in 12 starts against the Royals, allowing three runs and six hits in 7 1-3 innings. He retired his first 14 batters before Salvador Perez's fifth-inning single.

Rios had three hits, including a two-run homer in the second and a triple in the eighth. Morel's homer was his 10th of the season, including eight in September.

While Chicago won for just the fourth time in 14 games, the Royals lost for the third time in their last 12. At 77-81, the White Sox need to win their remaining games to avoid their third losing season in eight years under manager Ozzie Guillen.

Everett Teaford (2-1) took the loss.

Indians 8, Twins 2, Game 1
Indians 7, Twins 6, Game 2

In Cleveland, Shelley Duncan drove in three runs in each half of a day-night doubleheader, and Cleveland erased a six-run deficit to beat Minnesota.

The Indians also won the opener behind Duncan, who hit a two-run single with two out in the first and a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in Cleveland's six-run sixth inning.

Duncan's two-run single off Matt Capps put Cleveland ahead 7-6 in the seventh inning of the second game as the Indians won for the eighth time in 11 games.

The Twins (60-98) have lost 19 of 21 to reach the second-most losses since the team moved to Minnesota in 1961, ahead of only a 60-102 record in 1982. They have lost eight straight to the Indians.

Two Cleveland rookies earned their first career win. Left-hander Nick Hagadone (1-0) pitched an inning to get the victory in the second game. Right-hander Zach Putnam (1-0) struck out three over 1 1-3 innings in the opener.

Francisco Liriano (9-10) gave up five runs and got only one out in Cleveland's six-run sixth in the opener. Jose Mijares (0-2) got the loss in the night game.

Chris Perez pitched the ninth inning of the second game for his 36th save in 40 chances.

Cardinals 2, Cubs 1

In St. Louis, the Cardinals kept their faint wild-card hopes alive when Carlos Marmol forced home the tying run with a bases-loaded walk to Ryan Theriot with two outs in the ninth inning, then threw a game-ending wild pitch to give St. Louis a victory over the Chicago Cubs.

The Cardinals pulled within two games of wild card-leading Atlanta, which lost 4-1 to Washington. St. Louis plays the Cubs again Sunday, then closes with three games at Houston.

Jason Motte (5-2) got two outs for the win. Marmol (2-6) blew a save for the 10th time in 44 opportunities.

The Cubs had three of their six hits in the first, including Alfonso Soriano's RBI single off Kyle Lohse.

Cardinals star Albert Pujols walked in the sixth and has reached safely in 40 consecutive games, breaking a tie with Johnny Damon for the longest in the majors this season.

Nationals 4, Braves 1

In Washington, Chien-Ming Wang pitched six effective innings and drove in a run with his first career hit, leading Washington to victory.

Atlanta is only two games ahead of St. Louis for the NL wild card. The Braves play the Nationals again on Sunday, then close the season with three home games against Philadelphia.

Making his 11th start since returning from a two-year layoff following shoulder surgery, Wang (4-3) allowed one run and four hits, struck out four and walked none.

Wang's RBI single off Brandon Beachy (7-3) capped a three-run fourth that put the Nationals ahead 4-0.

Drew Storen pitched the ninth for his 41st save.

Freddie Freeman hit a leadoff homer in the fifth for Atlanta.

Mets 2, Phillies 1, 1st game.
Mets 6, Phillies 3, 2nd game

In New York, Hunter Pence dropped a deep fly ball for an error that led to five unearned runs, and the Mets completed a doubleheader sweep that handed the NL East champions their eighth straight defeat.

Having already secured home-field advantage throughout the postseason, the sluggish Phillies remained winless since clinching their fifth consecutive division title last Saturday.

In the afternoon opener, R.A. Dickey took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning and David Wright hit a tiebreaking double in the eighth for New York. Bobby Parnell (4-6) got the win and Manny Acosta recorded three outs to earn his third save.

Jimmy Rollins started both games for the Phillies. He had three hits in the nightcap, including a bunt and an RBI single. Slumping second baseman Chase Utley doubled, walked and hit the ball hard three times.

Brad Lidge (0-2) and David Herndon (1-4) each picked up a loss.

Mets starter Dillon Gee (13-6) allowed three runs, two earned, and nine hits in six innings in the second game.

Pirates 4, Reds 3

In Pittsburgh, Rookie Josh Harrison had four hits to lead the Pirates to the win.

Harrison set a career high for hits, finishing with two singles, a double and a triple against his hometown team.

Cincinnati fell to 76-82 with four games remaining. The Reds won their first division title in 15 years last season.

Neil Walker added three hits for Pittsburgh. Brad Lincoln (2-3) went five innings for the win.

Brandon Phillips, Joey Votto and Juan Francisco each had two doubles for Cincinnati. Votto also drove in two runs to become the first Reds player with back-to-back 100-RBI seasons since Dave Parker in 1985-86.

Cincinnati's Travis Wood (6-5) gave up four runs and seven hits in 2 2-3 innings.

Rockies 4, Astros 2, 13 innings

In Houston, Chris Nelson walked with the bases loaded in the 13th inning as the Rockies ended a nine-game losing streak.

Pinch-hitter Tommy Field sparked the winning rally with a leadoff walk. Eric Young then reached on a bunt single against Jordan Lyles (2-8), with Field going on to third on an error by catcher Humberto Quintero.

Young moved up on defensive indifference, but Mark Ellis grounded out. Dexter Fowler was intentionally walked to set the stage for Nelson, who forced home the tiebreaking run. Pinch-hitter Wilin Rosario added a sacrifice fly in the 200,000th regular-season game in major league history.

Brewers 6, Marlins 4

In Milwaukee, pinch-hitter Corey Hart hit a two-run double in the seventh inning as Milwaukee rallied to beat Florida.

Ryan Braun finished 2 for 3 to raise his batting average to .331, just ahead of the Mets' Jose Reyes (.330) for the NL lead. The Brewers have never had a batting champion.

John Axford converted his 45th save, a franchise record, and the NL Central champions came back from deficits of 1-0, 3-2 and 4-3.

Emilio Bonifacio and Omar Infante homered, but Florida guaranteed its first last-place finish in the NL East since 2007. The team will be renamed the Miami Marlins on Nov. 11 as it prepares to move into its new retractable-roof ballpark.

Milwaukee improved to a major league-best 54-23 at home, matching the 1978 Brewers for most home wins in franchise history.

Diamondbacks 15, Giants 2

In Phoenix, Ian Kennedy pitched six innings to earn his NL-best 21st win and Arizona routed San Francisco, eliminating the defending World Series champions from the postseason picture.

Gerardo Parra had two hits and four RBIs for the Diamondbacks, who scored six times in the first and tied their single-highest scoring game of the season. Ryan Roberts drove in three runs.

Kennedy (21-4) allowed two runs and five hits, struck out four and walked two. The right-hander is 6-0 with a 1.66 ERA in his past seven starts.

Padres 3, Dodgers 0

In San Diego, Matt Kemp's pursuit of the Triple Crown took a hit when Aaron Harang threw eight sharp innings to lead San Diego over Los Angeles.

Kemp leads the NL with 119 RBIs and is tied for the lead with 37 homers. But he went 1 for 4 to drop his batting average to .325, falling six points behind league leader Ryan Braun of Milwaukee at .331. New York's Jose Reyes is second at .330.

With just four games remaining, Kemp is trying to become the majors' first player to achieve the Triple Crown since Boston's Carl Yastrzemski in 1967, and the first in the National League since Ducky Medwick of St. Louis in 1937.

Heath Bell pitched the ninth for his 42nd save in 47 chances.

NBA players not taking serious look overseas yet

AP

Utah Jazz's Gordon Hayward signs autographs for fans before the start of a Indy Pro Am Lockout League basketball game in Indianapolis, Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—John Wall isn't taking his game overseas yet.

If the NBA lockout continues to drag on, well, he just might.

"Maybe down the road, but not right now," the former No. 1 overall pick said Saturday night when asked about the possibility before a loosely organized exhibition game in Indianapolis.

One day after league officials announced the postponement of training camp and the cancellation of 43 preseason games, 16 NBA players participated in a game that could become the new normal for NBA fans. Most participants played high school, college or pro ball near Indianapolis.

The game, of course, came without many of the NBA's usual trimmings.

Instead of thousands of fans, only a few hundred showed up at the University of Indianapolis, a Division II school that will be the practice site for this year's Super Bowl team from the NFC.

Instead of hearing a live person sing the National Anthem, a recording was played over the public address system.

Instead of wearing clearly distinguishing colors, the team with black jerseys was told to turn theirs inside out just before tipoff in an effort to delineate themselves from the navy blue team.

And instead of making money, the proceeds from Saturday's Indy Pro Am Lockout League game will benefit foundations headed by new Pacers player George Hill, former Indiana Mr. Basketball Eric Gordon and WNBA MVP Tamika Catchings.

Officials wore gray shirts with an NBA logo but were not sanctioned by the league, and team officials were not allowed to attend.

Players will take it, for now.

"I don't know how many games we'll miss or how long we'll be locked out," Atlanta Hawks guard Jeff Teague said. "But this going to have to do because it's the only way to play against the best talent and be at an NBA level when it (the lockout) ends."

Nobody's sure when the lockout will end, so players are taking precautions.

Five of them told The Associated Press they are carrying insurance to cover any potential injuries during the lockout, and that's not the only way they're protecting themselves.

"The best thing about games like this is that all the guys realize you have careers," former Butler star and current Utah Jazz player Gordon Hayward said. "So we're not going to do something stupid."

Perhaps that accounted for the lack of defense Saturday night.

The blue team, Goodman League, won 170-167. Wall had 41 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds. DeMarcus Cousins had 33 points and 15 rebounds. Gordon led the Knox team with 40 points and nine assists. All but three of the 16 players reached double figures.

Whether it was Wall, the Washington Wizards point guard, or Eric Gordon, who plays for the Los Angeles Clippers, the key concern was staying in shape, to be ready for the return of NBA ball.

The players said they aren't even sure the league owners know what they want in a new deal.

"That's what it seems like from what I've seen in the media and from what I hear," Gordon said. "It's going to take a collective agreement by everybody to get this thing settled."

In the meantime, they'll continue working on their own.

Hayward is going through his training at St. Vincent Sports Performance in Indy. Some are working in groups, and others are playing in games like this, where there are almost as many smiles as dunks. Teague plans to return to Atlanta next week, where he will continue playing pro am games.

But each player has his own primary concern.

Josh McRoberts, an Indiana native who played with the Pacers last season, is a free agent who hasn't been able to negotiate a new deal. Shelvin Mack left Butler after his junior season, was selected by Washington in the second round of this year's NBA draft and is still unsigned.

"It's kind of tough," Mack said. "We've got things like this so we can still work on our skills, but you'd really like to get back to work."

For some players, that could come sooner—if they decide to move overseas. Kobe Bryant has been offered a $6.7 million, one-season contract to play for the Italian team Virtus Bologna.

Gordon said that while he's had offers, he's not jumping at the chance and neither is D.J. White, the former Indiana star who now plays for Charlotte.

"I've really not thought much about it," White said. "You really just want to work on your game and we'll see what happens. It's hard to put a time table (on deciding to play overseas)."

Baddeley, Mahan tied for the lead at East Lake

ATLANTA (AP)—Aaron Baddeley wanted to make a good impression on Greg Norman with hopes of being picked for the Presidents Cup.

He wound up impressing a lot of people Saturday in the Tour Championship.

Baddeley holed out for eagle on the fourth hole, and then lit up the back nine of East Lake with four straight birdies on his way to a 6-under 64 that put him atop the leaderboard with Hunter Mahan.

Mahan holed a birdie putt just over 20 feet on the par-3 18th for a 66.

They were at 9-under 201, both poised to capture a meaningful cup—even if it isn't the same one.

Mahan is No. 21 in the FedEx Cup and didn't think he had a chance at the $10 million prize at the start of the week.

Of the top five players in the standings, however, only Luke Donald remains in serious contention, and Mahan learned when he finished his round that he was projected to win golf's richest prize.

"I honestly didn't think that was a possibility," Mahan said.

The Tour Championship suddenly is loaded with possibilities.

Jason Day recovered from a ragged start and had a 69, leaving him only two shots back. The 23-year-old Australian was tied with K.J. Choi, who also started poorly and shot 70.

Donald, the world No. 1 who still can add his name to the prestigious list of players to have captured the FedEx Cup, had a 70 and was only three shots behind.

Bill Haas, who had a chance to make the Presidents Cup team last week until a 42 on the back nine at Cog Hill, was among those tied for the lead until the final two holes. He went bunker-to-bunker on the 17th and had to scramble for bogey, and then hit his tee shot on the 18th into the crowd, missed a 4-foot putt and made double bogey.

Haas was followed by his father, Jay Haas, an assistant captain for the Presidents Cup. He had to settle for a 69 and was so steamed that he refused requests for interviews.

Ten players were separated by five shots—the margin by which Baddeley trailed going into the final round—and the group includes Phil Mickelson, who won this event two years ago. He had a 67 and was only four shots behind.

"I feel like the first three rounds, I had three possibilities of 63, 64 that I turned into 68, 69," Mickelson said. "If I can just not do that and keep it where I feel the round should be, I think I can make a run tomorrow."

The pressure is building on so many fronts going into Sunday, and while it's easy to focus on the $10 million to the winner of the FedEx Cup—$9 million of that in cash—for some it's a cup that doesn't pay anything.

Baddeley, a winner at Riviera early in the year, grew up in Melbourne and desperately wants to be part of his first Presidents Cup team at Royal Melbourne. He is among three Australians—Robert Allenby and John Senden are the others—under consideration for two of Norman's picks. They will be announced Tuesday.

Baddeley spoke to Norman at the start of the week and knew the Shark would be watching. It didn't make Baddeley nervous, it made him determined.

"For me, it's a motivator," Baddeley said. "I want to play good. I want to be on that team, so I knew I had to play well this week. It's time to bear down. I got some good work done on Tuesday and Wednesday, so I was ready for Thursday."

Most of that practice time was spent on putting. Baddeley is among the best in golf, though he felt something was missing. He worked on getting the club more balanced, paying particular attention to his right hand on the putter. He seems to have figured it out, making a 35-foot putt on No. 7, and a pair of 20-footers on the 14th and 15th.

The rest of his game was sharp, too. From 176 yards in a fairway bunker on the 13th, he stuffed a 7-iron to inside 10 feet for yet another birdie.

Mahan also got in some late practice, mainly trying to get the club more square at impact because of a change in his release since working with Sean Foley. He got into the picture by hitting his approach on the eighth to inside a foot, then drilled a fairway metal from 274 yards to 20 feet for an eagle on No. 9.

Throughout the day, the projections for who might win the FedEx Cup were like watching the stock market. As many as five players moved to the top, although nothing really matters until Sunday.

Webb Simpson is No. 1 on the list, and he finished with a birdie on the 18th to get into a tie for 15th. If he were to finish in the top 12, he could still claim the $10 million even if Mahan wins the Tour Championship.

"It's kind of weird," Mahan said. "I could still win—I could play flawless golf tomorrow, win by five—and finish fifth in FedEx Cup points. I could finish 10th in FedEx Cup points. It's one of those things where you can't even worry about it just because you can't do the math that fast."

Adam Scott remains hopeful, at least of the Tour Championship. He was in the lead until a 39 on the back nine, compounded by a three-putt double bogey on the 14th. He wound up with a 74 and was five shots behind.

"Very disappointing," Scott said. "Going to come tomorrow and have the round of my life, hopefully."

Ol'Aces rebound from loss, nip Hi-5

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While Kagman endured a pair of losses, defending champion Ol'Aces bounced back after a recent upset to the former by dropping Hi-5, 48-43, as the Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League U19 season continued Friday night at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

As for the shorthanded Kagman five, they were routed by the CK Blazers, 36-64, on Wednesday and then came up just short against NMC Proa in a heartbreaker on Friday's nightcap, 52-53.

The U19 season continues tonight with Proa taking on Rollers Basketball Club's Rollers 2 squad at 5pm, in Gualo Rai.

On Friday's opener, Ol'Aces' Juan Maratita and Chris Mizer teamed up for 14 points in the opening eight minutes as their team doubled up Hi-5, 16-8, in the first quarter.

Hi-5 made a stand in the second period and pulled within a possession, 23-26, at halftime. Hi-5's Don Hockett scrambled for 10 points in the first half.

Both teams traded baskets back and forth in the third quarter as Hi-5 hung around, but trailed, 31-34, heading into the final period.

Hi-5's Ariel Urbano scored six quick points in the fourth quarter, but Ol'Aces' Maratita showed up in the clutch with eight markers, half of which came from the stripe. Mizer also provided four insurance points to secure the victory. The Ol'Aces duo combined for 40 points in the match, while Hi-5's Hockett came out with 20 in defeat.

In the second game, Kagman managed an early 16-14 lead in the first quarter, as Frank Mettao and Jiovanni Olopai delivered four points apiece.

Olopai lit up for nine more points in the second quarter but despite his effort, the homesteaders went down by two, 31-29, at the break.

The match tightened even more in the third period as Kagman clung to just a one-point advantage, 41-40, heading into the final canto.

Kagman's Chico Kaipat came off the bench and added eight big points in the third quarter.

This matchup went all the way down to the final second and NMC's bench may have been the deciding factor.

NMC's defense stepped up big in the fourth quarter as they clawed its way on top.

Proa contained Kaipat to only a handful in the clutch and found a way to get the job done.

Paul Samson led Proa with 17 points, while Kagman's Kaipat tallied 19 in the loss.

In Wednesday's match, the Blazers' Travis Eughbanks heated up early for eight points as his team built an early 13-9 lead in the opening period.

Six points from Kagman's Chico Kaipat helped make it a one-possession deficit, 22-25, at the half.

Kagman's shooters went cold after the pause, connecting only on a pair of three pointers as the Blazers shot ahead, 45-31, heading into crunch time.

The Blazers never looked back and contained Kagman to just five points on offense in the final period.

Blazers' Brandon Aulerio and Patrick Torres tallied 17 points apiece in the onslaught; Kagman's Kaipat managed 11 on the short end.

FRIDAY
First Game

Ol'Aces 48 – Maratita 24, Mizer 16, Dillay 4, Taylor 2.

Hi-5 43 – Hockett 20, Urbano 10, Manibusan 5, Sablan 4, Tadifa 4.

Scoring by quarters: 16-8, 26-23, 34-31, 48-43.

Second Game

NMC Proa 53 – Samson 17, Madreo 11, Aguilar 8, G. Habijan 8, J. Habijan 5, Cruzat 4

Kagman 52 – Kaipat 19, Olopai 18, Mettao 11, K. Cepeda 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-16, 29-31, 40-41, 53-52.

WEDNESDAY

CK Blazers 64 – Aulerio 17, Torres 17, Eughbanks 12, Benavente 6, Kaipat 4, Ray 4, Camacho 2, Tenorio 2.

Kagman 36 –Kaipat 11, K. Cepeda 9, Olopai 8, Mettao 6, E. Cepeda 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-9, 25-22, 45-31, 64-36.

FILCAG/ROLLERS

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Reyes was fouled in the last 0.3 of a second and made both free throws to give Filcag a three-point lead and ensure the win. SIP sued for time, which was too late, as it would need an alley-oop play for the basket to be counted and hope for a foul with less than half a second left on the clock.

Filcag/Rollers took the win despite wasting a 23-9 advantage in the first quarter. Filcag kept its double-digit lead at the break, 43-28, before SIP made headway in the third canto, moving within two, 59-61. A 31-18 scoring run in the third period brought SIP back in the match.

SIP went on to grab the driver's seat midway and led by as much as five, 81-76, before it committed several errors in the last two minutes of the match and missed clutch free throws.

Behind by five, Brandon Aurelio hit a long jumper from the left corner, cutting SIP's lead to three, 78-81. Filcag then forced a jumpball in the ensuing play after SIP fumbled, returning possession to the former, with less than a minute left on the clock.

Aurelio, whose earlier shot was called as a two-pointer as referees caught him stepping on the line, this time made sure he was on the right spot and canned another long jumper to tie the match, 81-all, 48.3 second to go.

Palacios was fouled on SIP"s offensive set, but split his charities, giving his team a precarious one-point lead, 83-82. Filcag failed to produce a basket in the ensuing play when Bryl Alegre blocked Namelo. However, Filcag recovered from the error when Leo Galarse anticipated a crosscourt pass.

Namelo was fouled after the steal, but muffed both free throws. Salem claimed the defensive rebound, but he too missed the pressure-packed charities, giving Reyes the opportunity to win the game for Rollers.

Aulerio top-scored for Rollers with 29, while Reyes added 11. Nicko Salem had 20 markers for SIP.

Jets 106, Samahang Laguna 79

In another do-or-die match, the Jets routed Samahang Laguna to arrange a semis collision against MDX/Armatech.

Laguna bowed out of competition despite keeping up with MDX in the first three quarters.

Laguna was behind by only six, 62-68, after the third period, before the Jets pulled away in the fourth quarter. The Jets outgunned Laguna in the final canto, 36-19.

The combo of Sajh Hossain, Kevin de Leon, and Ezra Caro did the damage for the Jets in the fourth canto, as the trio combined for 23 points. Hossain finished with a game-high 32 markers.

First Game

Jets 106 – Hossain 32, Manglona 23, Cadiang 15, De Leon 14, Caro 11, Webb 4, Aguilar 3, Deleon Guerrero 2.

Samahang Laguna 79 – G. Macahito 30, F. Macahito 12, Habijan 9, Manalili 9, Madreo 9, Lapuz 8.

Scoring by quarters: 23-22, 43-43, 68-62, 106-79.

Second Game

Filcag/Rollers 85 – Aulerio 29, Reyes 11, Kiyoshi 8, Eubanks 8, Galarse 6, Torres 6, Namelo 4, Cruz 4, Brennan 3, Hambros 2, Iglecias 2.

SIP 82 – Ni. Salem 20, Darag 14, Ne. Salem 13, Alegre 8, De Guzman 8, Aranda 8, Palacios 7, Saturno 4.

Scoring by quarters: 23-9, 43-28, 61-59, 85-82.

FIELDERS

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cruit more players to help them compete this week.

Weather permitting, the season continues at Tan Ko field this Saturday; starting off with a 9am rematch featuring Fielders 2 and Titanium followed by a take-two between Ol'Aces and Kagman Lions at 11:30am. Then it is Titanium's turn to pull double duty as they clash with Fielders 1 at 2pm.

Fielders 2 2, Titanium 1

After a pair of scoreless innings, visiting Titanium broke the ice in the top of the third inning with a run off two hits.

Ton Guerrero reached on a one-out single. He then stole second base and was driven home by Jerald Cabrera.

Fielders 2 drew a blank in the bottom frame and both teams went 1-2-3 in the fourth inning.

Titanium was stuffed again to start the fifth inning and Fielders 2 pulled ahead in the bottom of the frame, 2-1.

Kyle Hocog led off with a base knock and was sacrificed into scoring position. Kainoa Wanket brought him home with a single and later scored himself off an error.

Titanium went three up and three down for the third time in a row in the sixth inning and was denied access past second base in its final stand.

Kainoa Wanket gave up an earned run in four innings off three hits and a strikeout.

Fielders 2 4, Fielders 1 3

Both teams held each other in check until the fifth inning when the home team, Fielders 1 took a 2-0 lead off three hits.

Carl Camacho provided the spark with a lead off single. Arthur Jebehn followed suit with a double; Camacho advanced to the plate off an errant throw from the outfield.

Jebehn would score soon after off a wild pitch.

Fielders 2 answered in the top of the sixth knotted the game at 2-all.

Khobby Kaipat reached on a fielder's choice and moved into scoring position when Ian Rogolifoi drew a free pass.

Fielders 2 then worked a double-steal that set up a two-RBI single by Marvin Ngeskebei.

Fielders 1 did not blink and reclaimed the lead, 3-2, off errors in the bottom frame. However, its rival fired back with two runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Davin Ada belted a one-out single and went to second after an ensuing walk.

Then ninth batter Nate Guerrero crushed a clutch two-RBI single, but was left stranded at third base.

Fielders 1 came up lame in its final stand.

Winning pitcher Kainoa Wanket pitched four scoreless innings and gave up three hits with a strikeout.

LETTER

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The Mini Games in Wallis and Futuna will be the ninth edition of the quadrennial event and Niue will be the defending champion in the competition. The island-nation in the South Pacific collected 32 gold medals, 26 silver, and 20 bronze in the 2009 Mini Games in Rarotonga, Cook Islands to beat the Federated States of Micronesia (23-21-21) and Tahiti (21-22-16) for the overall championship.

The CNMI joined the Mini Games in Rarotonga, but failed to make it to the medal board as only triathlete Joshua Manglona and golfer Jess Wabol represented the Commonwealth in the eighth edition of the event.

ZAPS

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Team 6, which had Raymond Angeles, Mario Mayuga, Mel Regis, Richard Leong, Simon Manacop, Edgar Marquez, Darwin Gonzales, and Wellington Ang as members, also took home a trophy and $300 cash. Team 6 shut out IT&E, 4-0, in Week 18, but still fell one win short of tying ZAPS for the lead.

Finishing in third place was Ambyth, which had a 40-32 record after a similar 4-0 triumph over Triple L Construction in the final week. Ambyth members were Tony David, Rolly Dacumus, Allan Hernandez, Chris Anastacio, Arnel Ibarreta, Donato Besid, Ron Cal, Ricky Moscoso, and Noli San Luis and they split the $200 third place cash prize.

Rounding out the Top 5 were Jos Corporation and Tropex Garden Co, which had identical 39-33 records, but the former won the tiebreak due to its higher total pinfalls in 18 weeks. Jos Corporation logged 51,119 pinfalls against Tropex's 50,866.

Python finished sixth in the field with its 38-34 slate, followed by Triple L (30-42), IT&E (30-42), AON (28-44), and Split Happens (15-57).

Besides taking the overall title, ZAPS won two more awards, prevailing in the high scratch game and series. ZAPS had 1,037 in the high game, beating the 970 of Tropex Garden. Then in the high series, ZAPS recorded 2,752 against Team 6's 2,694. Tropex and Team took the handicap game and handicap series, respectively. Tropex posted 1,138 in the handicap game, ending ZAPS in the tiebreak, while Team 6 earned 3,111 in the handicap series, downing Python (3,107).

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	96	61	.611	–
Boston	88	69	.561	8
Tampa Bay	87	71	.551	9 1/2
Toronto	80	78	.506	16 1/2
Baltimore	67	91	.424	29 1/2

Central Division

x-Detroit	91	67	.576	–
Cleveland	80	78	.506	11
Chicago	77	81	.487	14
Kansas City	69	89	.437	22
Minnesota	60	98	.380	31

West Division

x-Texas	92	66	.582	–
Los Angeles	86	72	.544	6
Oakland	71	87	.449	21
Seattle	66	92	.418	26

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

x-Philadelphia	98	60	.620	–
Atlanta	89	69	.563	9
Washington	77	80	.490	20 1/2
New York	76	82	.481	22
Florida	71	87	.449	27

Central Division

x-Milwaukee	93	65	.589	–
St. Louis	87	71	.551	6
Cincinnati	76	82	.481	17
Pittsburgh	71	87	.449	22
Chicago	70	88	.443	23
Houston	55	103	.348	38

West Division

x-Arizona	92	66	.582	–
San Francisco	84	74	.532	8
Los Angeles	79	78	.503	12 1/2
Colorado	71	87	.449	21
San Diego	69	89	.437	23

x-clinched division

Yesterday's Games
Washington 4, Atlanta 1
St. Louis 2, Chicago Cubs 1
N.Y. Mets 2, Philadelphia 1, 1st game
Pittsburgh 4, Cincinnati 3
Colorado 4, Houston 2, 13 innings
Milwaukee 6, Florida 4
N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 3, 2nd game
Arizona 15, San Francisco 2
San Diego 3, L.A. Dodgers 0
Cleveland 8, Minnesota 2, 1st game
N.Y. Yankees 9, Boston 1
Texas 7, Seattle 3
Baltimore 6, Detroit 5
Cleveland 7, Minnesota 6, 2nd game
Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 3
Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 2
L.A. Angels 4, Oakland 2

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

ATLANTA (AP) – Scores Saturday in the $8 million Tour Championship at the 7,319-yard (6,692-meter) par-70 course at East Lake Golf Club:

THIRD ROUND

Aaron Baddeley	68-69-64–201
Hunter Mahan	67-68-66–201
Jason Day	67-67-69–203
K.J. Choi	68-65-70–203
Bill Haas	68-67-69–204
Luke Donald	66-68-70–204
Phil Mickelson	68-70-67–205
Fredrik Jacobson	70-67-68–205
Charles Howell III	67-71-68–206
Adam Scott	67-65-74–206
Bo Van Pelt	71-70-66–207
Steve Stricker	68-70-69–207
Keegan Bradley	64-71-72–207
Matt Kuchar	67-70-71–208
Webb Simpson	69-70-70–209
Geoff Ogilvy	69-68-72–209
Jason Dufner	66-70-73–209
Chez Reavie	66-77-68–211
Vijay Singh	74-67-70–211
Nick Watney	72-67-72–211
David Toms	73-65-73–211
Brandt Snedeker	68-69-74–211
Gary Woodland	72-68-72–212
John Senden	73-71-69–213
Dustin Johnson	70-73-70–213
Justin Rose	69-75-70–214
Bubba Watson	71-64-79–214
Mark Wilson	72-70-74–216
Jonathan Byrd	70-74-73–217
Y.E. Yang	72-70-75–217

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Weekend Sports

Basketball teams make playoffs trips

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Various basketball leagues reached their crucial stages last week, as teams scrambled for playoff seats.

In the masters division of the UFO Docomo Cup, only four teams are left standings with defending champion Cabalen/Wings Travel, MDX/Armatech, PIAHI/VisMinda, and MAFEA/RNV making it to the semifinals. Cabalen gained an automatic semis slot after topping the regular season, while MDX advanced following a victory over SAFSWO. VisMinda marched into the next round after defeating MAFEA/RNV, which later completed the semis cast after eliminating SAFSWO.

In the youth division of the UFO Docomo Cup, MDX also notched a semis berth and was joined by Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense. Filcag Rollers, and AFP/Jets. SIP was scheduled to face Filcag Rollers in the semis last night, but results of the match were unavailable at press time. The Jets and MDX will duel for the second and last semis pairing this Saturday.

In the UFO Bud Cup, the seven-team playoff round was completed last week with Namfrel/ Proa, UPAA/Docomo Hoops, Cabalen/Noni, Bayan/Mobil, MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt, VisMinda/Satbahi, and Cavite/Andok's on the list. NMBA/Mixed Blood and MDX/Blue Haus were eliminated.

Still in basketball, MBI survived Cell Pro and Sherwin Williams in the playoffs of the Blue Haus caging to clinch the first finals berth.

The 2011 Shirley's Badminton Classic will only start its playoff round this week, but a few pairs had already secured slots to the next round as early as last week.

Angie Ito and Andrew Galvez sealed the first finals berth in the mixed doubles AA after sweeping the round-robin games in the eight-team field. Gary Bandoja and Hannah Choi were assured of semis tickets in the mixed lower A, while Choi and Mario Diola saved a Final Four slot in the mixed doubles 40-and-above.

The women's division of the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League did not hold playoff games and after the two-round robin play, Shirley's A emerged as the champion. Shirley's A finished the inaugural league with an 11-3-0 record for 33 points, just one marker ahead of runner-up IT&E Awesome.

Other notable events last week was the CNMI Baseball Team's celebration of its gold medal win in the 2011 Pacific Games, the Mieko Carey bike race fundraiser, and the record-field in the 11th Saipan International School 5K Fun Run.

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Elton Santos, left, Jerome Delos Santos, right, and other members of the CNMI Baseball Team celebrate their gold medal win in the 2011 Pacific Games with a dinner last Monday at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion.

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Participants in the Mieko Carey fundraiser wait for the start of the race at Banzai Cliff.

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Robert Reyes returns while Elma Labuson looks on during their doubles game against Mario Diola and Hannah Choi in Week 3 of the 2011 Shirley's Badminton Classic at the TSL Sports Complex.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The last wave of runners in the SIS 5K Fun Run leave Banzai Cliff.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
VisMinda/Satbahi's Marlon De Dios, center, tries to power his way against Cabalen/Noni's Kae Bernardo during their game in the UFO Bud Cup at the TSL Sports Complex last week.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Jets' Sajh Hossain goes for a layup against SIP's Jaymark De Guzman during their playoff game in the youth division of the UFO Docomo Cup last week at the TSL Sports Complex.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
VisMinda/PIAHI's Ray Lizama is hemmed in by two MAFEA/RNV defenders during their playoff game in the masters division of the UFO Docomo Cup last week at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Sports

Filcag/Rollers clinches finals berth

Filcag/Rollers' Josh Kiyoshi, right, drives against SIP's Nicko Salem during their semis game in the youth division of the UFO Docomo Cup last Saturday night at the TSL Sports Complex. ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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The smallest player on the court delivered the big plays in the homestretch.

Filcag/Rollers guard Luizi Reyes made a putback and then picked up a loose ball in the closing seconds of their playoff game against Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense in the UFO Inter-Organization Youth Basketball Docomo Pacific Cup 2011 to lift his team to an exciting 85-82 win on Saturday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

The close victory gave Filcag/Rollers the first finals seat, while the loss booted out SIP. Filcag/Rollers' finals foe will be the winner of the Jets-MDX/Armatech semis tiff. The loser in the last semis duel will battle SIP for the third place trophy.

SIP missed the finals despite taking a five-point lead at the 1:39 mark of the fourth canto. It held the lead for the last time at 82-81 and had a chance to make it a three-point cushion after Nelvin Salem was fouled, 13 seconds to go in the match. However, Salem muffed both charities and Wens Namelo collared the rebound for Rollers.

Namelo then pitched the ball to Josh Kiyoshi, who was streaking to their frontcourt. Kiyoshi went on to pull up for a shot, but missed. Fortunately, Reyes was there and took the offensive board and without even bringing the leather down, canned the game-winning basket.

With Filcag/Rollers now ahead, 83-82, 5.2 seconds remaining on the clock, SIP opted to go for a quick inbound instead of calling timeout. Salem made the inbound pass to Adrian Palacios, who dribbled toward the left wing, but ran out of space. With the clock ticking down and with nowhere to go, he lost his footing and eventually the ball, which Reyes later picked up.

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Letter of intent needed for 2013 Mini Games

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Local federations interested in sending athletes to the 2013 Pacific Mini Games in Wallis and Futuna are required to submit a letter of intent to the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association in November this year.

"The 2011 Pacific Games are history and we is now looking forward to the 2013 Pacific Mini Games in Wallis and Futuna," NMASA president Michael White said in his email to association members last Friday.

White added the letter is due on Nov. 3 during the NMASA meeting and it should contain the letterhead of the sports federation and must be signed by the association president or secretary general.

"Please specify whether you will participate in men's, women's competition, or both. I am hoping that we will be well represented at W&F 2013 and I urge four federations to express their intention to participate," White also said in his email," he said.

The NMASA head is talking of Northern Marianas Athletics, Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association, Over the Reef Yacht Club, and Northern Mariana Islands Kanu Racing Association whose sports are included in the calendar of events in the 2013 Mini Games.

Besides athletics, beach and indoor volleyball, sailing, and va'a (canoe racing), others sports to be contested in the French-speaking nation are Rugby 7s, taekwondo, and weightlifting.

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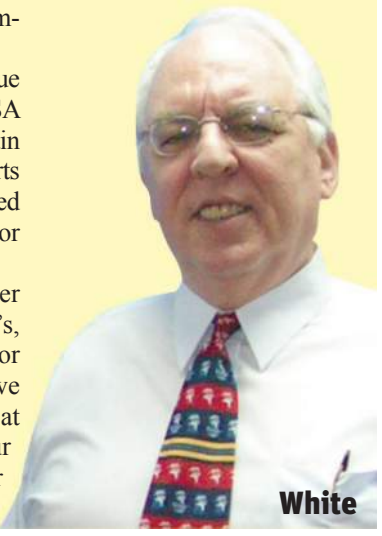

White

Fielders 2 post back-to-back wins

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Fielders 2 grinded out a pair of wins in its doubleheader on Saturday as the Saipan Major League Baseball Association's Youth Summer/Fall season picked back up at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Fielders 2 edged out Titanium, 2-1, in the opener and went on to rally over sister team Fielders 1, 4-3, in the afternoon tiff.

Notably, due to a shortage of players the Kagman Lions were forced to forfeit the second matchup to the Ol'Aces, however, the Lions are expected to re-

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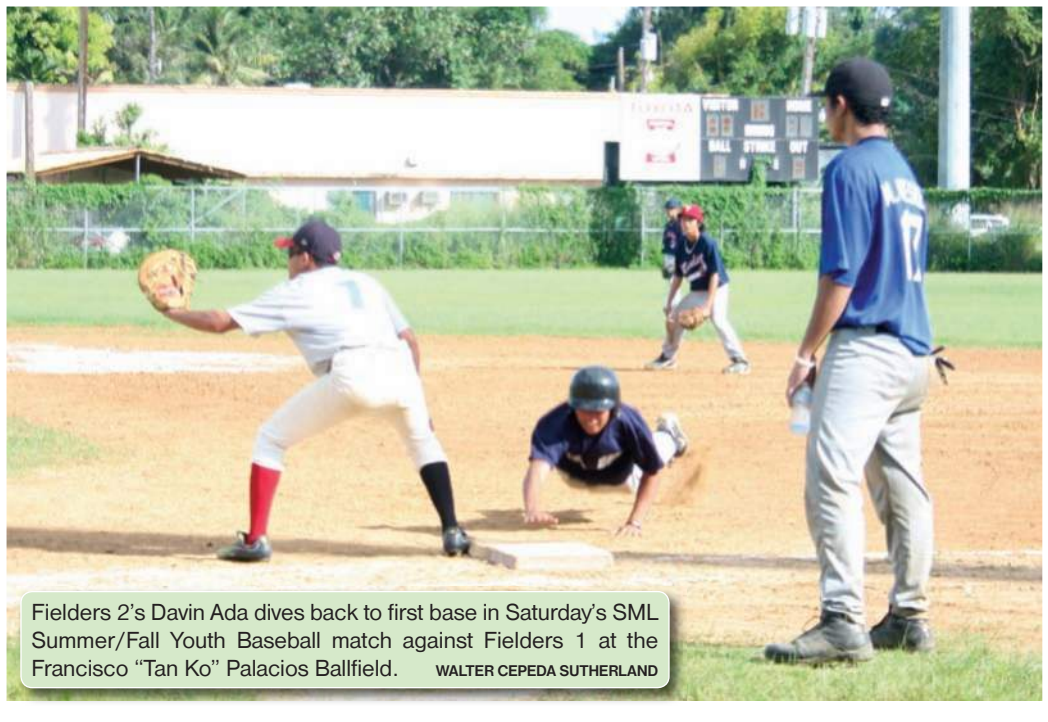

Fielders 2's Davin Ada dives back to first base in Saturday's SML Summer/Fall Youth Baseball match against Fielders 1 at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

ZAPS rules Friday night league

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ZAPS reigned supreme in the Philippine Bowling Association-Capitol Bowling Center's 29th Friday Night League that concluded early this month in Garapan.

ZAPS finished the 18-week competition with a 51-21 record, just one win ahead of runner-up Team 6, which wrapped up the season with a 50-22 slate. The champion team is composed of the members of the Zapanta family—mother Gigi, father Ross, siblings Ruselle, Raphael, and Raymond, and the latter's wife, Laarni.

A 4-0 victory over Jos Corporation in the final week of the roll-offs assured ZAPS the overall title in the 10-team field. The Zapanta family was awarded a trophy and $550 cash.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Members of the Zapanta family pose with their championship trophy during the brief awards ceremony for the Philippine Bowling Association-Capitol Bowling Center's 29th Friday Night League last Friday.